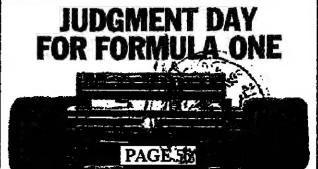


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Labour ordered to return grand prix chief's £1.5m

AND NICHOLAS WOOD

THE Labour Party was ordered last night by the new Public Stan-dards watchdog to return a £1.5 million donation from the head of Formula One racing.

The decision to give back the money from Bernie Ecclestone.

President of the Formula One.

Association, followed 72 hours of pressure on the party to confirm its financial links with the industry after grand prix were excluded last week from the Government's ban

on tobacco sponsorship. Mr Ecclestone gave between £8 million and £10 million to the Tories between 1992-97 but switched sides before the general election. In January he paid £1.5 million into

biggest individual donations the party has received, and about 10 per cent of its 1996 income.

The only other personal gifts in the same league came from Paul Hamlyn, who gave £600,000 to Labour, and Matthew Harding, the Chelsea football club vice-chairman, who donated £1 million shortly before his death last year in a helicopter crash.

The Prime Minister personally ordered that Formula One should be excluded from the tobacco ban, in defiance of the Health Department, after a meeting at Downing Street on October 16 with Mr Ecclesione, Max Mosley, the President of the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile, the sport's governing body, and David Ward, who also works for the organisation. When Tony Blair met the delegation he was aware that Mr Ecclestone had made a large donation.

The Labour Party, which insisted last night that the exclusion had not been influenced by Mr Ecclestone's generosity, said that the decision to seek advice from Sir Patrick Neill, QC, who took over formally yester-day from Lord Nolan as Public Standards watchdog, was taken

after the policy reverse.
Labour's leaders are understood to be shaken by Sir Patrick's decision but, having asked for his guidance, knew they had no choice

but to accept it. However, The Times has learnt that Sir Patrick never received the faxed letter from Torn Sawyer, General Secretary of the Labour

Party, until 7pm last Friday - about four hours after journalists, including representatives from The Times, challenged the party to confirm that Mr Ecclestone was a major donor. No contact had been made with Sir Patrick prior to that faxed letter.

Labour officials maintained throughout the weekend and most of yesterday that they could not confirm or deny whether Mr Ecclestone, who earns a reputed £29 million a year, was a benefactor.

They stuck to party rules, introduced last year, which insist that donors' names can be listed only in the annual financial report, next out in September 1998. Mr Ecclestone's donation would have been confirmed but, in keeping with Labour's rules, the size would

yesterday at 5pm, shortly after Sir Patrick conveyed his views to Labour's leadership. The party maintained its decision not to discuss how much Mr Ecclestone had given. But The Times understands from senior political sources that it was £1.5 million.

Only minutes earlier a solicitor acting for Mr Ecclestone denied categorically that his client had given money. John Reynolds, of the city firm Herbert Smith, said: "A statement at the weekend denying my client gave money to the Labour

Party still stands."

Mr Ecclestone changed his tune later, confirming he was a financial supporter. He then claimed he "never sought any favour from New Labour or any member of Govern-

There had been speculation over the past few days that I have made a donation to the Labour Party. I met Mr Blair in July 1996 and was very impressed with him and his plans

for our country.
"In January 1997, I was asked by a colleague to make a contribution to New Labour, which I did. I have never sought any favour from New Labour or any member of the Government, nor has any been given.

In a statement last night Sir Patrick, who has been asked by the Prime Minister to investigate party political funding, welcomed

Labour's "speedy response". He said: "I am delighted that the Labour Party has acted on my Continued on page 2, col 5



What is it they say? There's no smoke

Cheering as judge frees Louise Woodward

By Tunku Varadaraian in cambridge, massachusetts, and James Bone

LOUISE WOODWARD was last night freed from jail after her conviction for murdering eight-month-old Matthew Eappen was reduced to involuntary manslaughter.

Supporters both inside and outside the court in Cambridge, Massachusetts, cheer-ed as Judge Hiller B. Zobel cut a mandatory life sentence to one of 279 days — the time she has already spent in prison. He said: "I do not denigrate Matthew Eappen's death or his family's grief. It is in my judgment time to bring the judicial part of this extraordinary matter to a compassion-

ate conclusion." The prosecution immediately announced that it would be appealing and called for Woodward to remain in jail in the meantime, but the judge rejected the application. But he also rold Woodward that her passport would not be returned to her yet.

The defence intends to go ahead with an appeal in an attempt to win total vindication for the 19-year-old British au pair. Asked before the new sentence was imposed whether Woodward would appeal against the reduction of the verdict to manslaughter, her lawyer Barry Scheck said without a moment's hesitation: "Yes, certainly."

Later, at the sentencing

hearing, the prosecutor Ge-TV & RADIO54, 55 WEATHER 28 CROSSWORDS.....28, 56 LETTERS _____ 23 OBITUARIES _____25 LIBBY PURVES 22 CHESS & BRIDGE.... 52 COURT & SOCIAL ... 24 BODY & MIND 20

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Judge Zobek murder verdict was wrong

rard Leone argued for a minimum 15-year sentence because, he said, Woodward had refused to accept responsibility for Matthew's death, had shown no remorse, and had left Matthew's parents with no answers about what had caused their child's death. Sunil and Deborah Eappen. who had made emotional "victim impact statements" before the mandatory life sentence was imposed ten days ago, chose not to make further statements yesterday and

were not in court. Andrew Goode, for the defence, had asked for a sentence of time served, and Woodward told the judge: "I would just like to maintain what I said at the last sentencing hearing. I

am innocent." Matthew died five days after being taken to hospital with a fractured skull on February 4. The prosecution said the injury indicated that the baby's head had been slammed against a hard sur-face and blamed Woodward, the only adult to be with

Matthew that day. But the defence said that clear fluid found in the baby's skull proved that the injury had been sustained two or three weeks earlier. Woodward insisted that she did not hurt the child, saying she only shook him a bit when she found him unresponsive in his cut after a bath. She denied

telling police that she may have been "a little rough" with

The jury nevertheless found Woodward guilty of seconddegree murder and when the verdict was read out, she burst into hysterical sobs crying: "I didn't do anything. I never hurt Matty."

Yesterday, in his 12-page ruling, Judge Zobel said that "extensive, cool, calm reflection", he was "morally certain" that the murder conviction was a miscarriage of ustice.

"I believe that the circumstances in which the defendant acted were characterised by confusion, inexperience, frustration, immaturity and some anger, but not malice," he

"Frustrated by her inability to quet the crying child, she was a 'little rough with him' under circumstances where another, perhaps wiser, per-son would have sought to restrain the physical impulse. The roughness was sufficient to start (or restart) a bleeding that escalated fatally." But he added: "I view the evidence as disclosing confusion, fright and bad judgment, rather than rage or malice."

He also wrote that had a manslaughter verdict been available to the jury — which was restricted to "murder or nothing" - it might have selected it. That, he said, would accord with "one rational view of the evidence": that Matthew did have a preexisting blood clot; that the defendant did handle him roughly; that the handling - if not the roughness - was intentional and with an excessive and therefore unjustified force; and that the handling caused the rebleeding which

caused Matthew's death. The suggestion that the jury might have chosen a manslaughter verdict was immediately endorsed by one of the jurors, Stephen Colwell, who said: "Had that option been before us, we might have come



greatly relieved; I was distraught over the fact that a new trial may have been ordered or the verdict overturned. Judge Zobel's decision

to the same conclusion. I am Elton, Cheshire, although supporters said that they would continue their campaign to have her acquitted of all charges. But Manhew's grandmother, Achamma is a good one for the jury." Eappen, emphasised that
There was delight in Woodward had still been
Woodward's home village of found guilty of killing the

baby. "All that we wanted was for us to know what really happened and this still shows that she's guilty," she said.

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spy flights

The United States resumed U2 reconnaissance flights over Iraq as Washington struggled to muster support at the UN for a tough response

to Baghdad's defiance. The flights went off safely despite bellicose warnings from Iraq and the Pentagon saw the successful mission as a sign that President Saddam

without fire"

Business urged to prepare for single currency

By Philip Webster, Jill Sherman and Philip Bassett

TONY BLAIR promised last night to be a leader in Europe as he prepared to deliver Labour's most enthusiastic endorsement of a European sin-

gle currency. The Prime Minister will today echo yesterday's mess-age to the Confederation of British Industry from Gordon Brown, that companies should get down immediately to preparing for economic and mon-

etary union (EMU). Mr Blair will say that the Government wants the single currency to be a success and Britain to be part of it in due course if the economic benefits are clear. In a live video link with the CBI meeting in Birmingham, he will add that business and the City should start "active preparations" now. Mr Blair and Mr Brown were hardening their pro-European positions as William Hague, the Opposition leader, told the CBI he had "deep concerns" about the project and likened supporters

of it to "lemmings". The Chancellor announced moves to help British companies use the euro years before any government decilegal changes heralded by Mr Brown yesterday, companies would be able to trade and deal in the euro from the launch date in 1999 although he has ruled out British membership before the next

election. Later, in his first speech to the Lord Mayor's Banquet in London, Mr Blair said it was time for Britain to end the isolation of the past 20 years. He said: "Britain is part of Europe. It must play its full part in leading it. Not because is: we could go. But because it is in the British interest to stay.

As we are staying, let us do so with effect." Mr Hague said business could find itself in a burning building "with no exits" because of monetary union.

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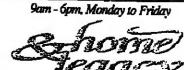
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Britain observes Armistice silence

Much of Britain will come to a halt at I am today to observe the Armistice Day two minutes' silence. Airports, law courts, radio and television stations, councils, schools and businesses are among the many organisations marking the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in tribute to British servicemen and women who died for their country.

BT to make \$3bn on MCI bid US resumes Iraq

shareholding in MCI, the American telecommunications group that bowed to a record-breaking \$37 billion bid from WorldCom, the American phone company.

including an instant \$465 million break-up fee payable to BT, the British company will make a profit of about \$3 billion on its MCI

BRITISH Telecom accepted adventure. The MCI deal en-\$7 billion (£4.13 billion) for its ters the record books as the world's biggest bid.

Speaking on future developments, Sir Iain Vallance, the BT chairman, said that already BT had been approached by other US com-panies. He added: "We will now be looking at investments in the US and other parts of

He did not rule out other

options such as share buybacks if that was in the best interests of shareholders at the time the decision was taken. Shares in BT rose lip to 465p yesterday, against a low of about 380p earlier in the year when the City raised

doubts about the terms of the

British company's original bid

Business news, page 29 Hussein may not want to escalate the dispute.... Page 17

Dome proves to be a questionable Experience

air? It was like the moment when the Bad Fairy stalks on to the pantomime stage. Fear, loathing and fascination hung in the atmosphere in equal proportions. One MP even hissed

Peter Mandelson had finally been brought to the dispatch box. There he was - living, breathing in immaculate grey suit, white shirt and turquise silk tie. His hair, held in place by perhaps by the lightest application of spray, was

And he would speak! What was his voice like? Darth Vader? A whole new generation of MPs and cub reporters have never heard Mandelson speak in the Chamber. He would answer for five min-

A GOVERNMENT that was

elected to clean up politics

must be seen to have clean

hands. But this has been undermined by its mishan-dling of the decision to exempt

Formula One from the ban on

tobacco sponsorship. After

several days of evasions and

denials, this culminated in last

night's decision to follow the

advice (in effect, an order) by

Sir Patrick Neill, Lord Nolan's

successor as chairman of the

Committee on Standards in

Public Life, to return a dona-

£5,000 by Bernie Ecclestone of

The Government has a case,

albeit not as strong as it

claims. The real issue is

whether an industry whose

leaders have been Labour

donors has enjoyed privileged access to 10 Downing Street.

It is easy to get over-exicted

over scandals and U-turns,

but there has been a sense of

over-cosy relationships be-

tween wealthy businessmen and Labour leaders, and of

Sir Patrick may be right that

criticism of the donation is "wrong and unfair". But, as he

recognised, what matters as much is the impression of

propriety. Hence, "in order to avoid the appearance of undue.

influence over policy he be-lieved the money should be

blurred ethical lines.

Formula One.

WAS that a smell of sulphur in the utes. So after six months on the salary of a Minister of State we can fix his estimated value as a Commons speaker at about £247 per second. What could Mandelson be about to say to justify this rate of

> As the elusive Minister sat in silence, tense but poised, awaiting his moment, the preceding Que tions to the Culture Secretary Chris Smith seemed an eternity.

Besides, there were no interesting questions for Mr Smith. A ludicrous feature of the Commons Questions procedure is that these are notified in writing a fortnight before the afternoon on which they will be asked. Two weeks ago nobody was talking about donations to the Labour Party from the

Blair needs hands clean

of stains like tobacco

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

family interests need to be

of donations. The Govern-

ment is introducing legislation requiring the identity of do-

nors above £5,000 to be dis-

closed, though not, as in the

case of Mr Ecclestone, the

amounts. But there is a big

difference between a few thou-

sand pounds and hundreds of

thousands. So the amounts

should be disclosed, perhaps

in broad bands as happens

with MPs' earnings from con-

sultancies. Sir Patrick's advice

also implies that ministers

need to be more careful in

dealings with businessmen

More serious is the question

Tories did in similar circum-

stances, not least in returning

the money. But that is not the

end of the matter. Above all.

there is a case for openness.

otherwise groundless suspl-

For instance, Tessa Jowell.

the Public Health Minister,

and David Mills, her hus-band, who has had close links

with Formula One, both antic-

ipated potential problems and

took all the correct actions on

official advice to avoid a

conflict of interest. In retro-

spect, it would probably have

been better if another Health

Minister had handled this

issue, while the rules on

Labour can argue that it has David Mills and his wife, Text Labour the D

cions will be raised.



who have been big donors.

amining such problems need

to be improved, as Sir Patrick said in The Times yesterday.

At present, the Cabinet Sec-

retary is usually called in but,

as Sir Robin Butler's embar-

rassing experience over the

Jonathan Aitken and Al Fayed

affairs showed, this is unsatis-

factory since he is in no

position to be a detective or to

challenge the word of Cabinet

ministers. The Commons

Standards and Privileges

Committee can look at the

behaviour of MPs only in their

parliamentary capacity and

not at what they do as

I am also doubtful about the

new development of using the

chairman of the Committee on

Standards in Public Life as an

instant court of appeal - in

this case over a weekend. The

role of the Nolan, and now the

Neill, committee is to look at

how systems and rules work,

not at individual cases. Such

inquiries should be carried out by an independent figure like

the Parliamentary Commis-

sioner for Standards or the

The Formula One row may

only be a temporary embarrassment but Tony Blair and his advisers should learn the

lessons — if they want to live up to their pre election claims

of fighting "sleaze".

moguls of motor racing; no one had suggested squeezing a quart of British opera into the pint pot of Covent Garden. There were therefore no questions on the only subjects in Smith's

Light relief was provided by Sports Minister Tony Banks, who is still finding it hard to shake off the habits of an Opposition backbencher, and yesterday (if I heard aright) took to heckling his own fellow-ministers. Junior ministers

MPs concerned that there were too many children's cartoons on tele-vision. Defending the BBC, the minister protested that children would search in vain for a silly cartoon on the BBC.

"They can come 'ere then." crackled a voice which seemed to come from the minister sitting next to Mr Fisher. Banks adopted his innocent, "not me, guv" expression. and I may stand corrected.

At 3.11pm, a whole minute late. Mandelson rose, pale as Banquo's ghost, in complete silence. MPs

They never got past the first question on the Order Paper. This was from Dr Phyllis Starkey (Lab, Milton Keynes SW) and lacked the monumental quality the moment seemed to demand. She asked about "provision of an adequate transport infrastructure" for the

Mr Mandelson sounded nervous. He would not say "Dome". He kept talking about the "Millennium Experience," ¡He spent his entire five minutes babbling about it. Unless Tony Blair rescues him at a Cabinet resimfile the poor man's whole career is now trapped for the rest of the century by this infernal Dome. There would be masses of exciting and enjoyable things to

There would be "a new Millennium pier from which to take a boat

Or you could "park 'n sail", he

"Park 'n sail" was the message of the day, repeated twice. Like "wash 'n bold", "spray 'n stay", "smash 'n grab" or indeed (as Mandelson doubtless hopes at the next reshuffie) "cut in run", the phrase is memorable and may come to be permanently associated with his name. Peter "park 'n sail" Mandelson Too bad that, as he spoke, a judge in Boston was stealing the limelight. It is just possible that Park 'n Sail will not grace the front page headline in this newspaper.

NEWS IN BRIEF Bulger killers get new review

THE Home Secretary last night held out the prospect of an early release from custody for the boys convicted of murdering two-year-old James Bulger. Jack Straw out-lined new guidelines for reviewing jail terms to be tained at Her Majesty's Pleasure for murder.

He is to set a new minimum tariff to be served by Robert Thompson and Jon Venables. Halfway through the tariff their lawyers will be able to argue they should be considered for early

No handcuffs

A magistrate rejected an application to have a former MI6 officer handcuffed during his second court appearance yester-day. Richard Tomlinson, 34, of Milton Keynes, who is charged under the Official Secrets Act with disclosing information with out lawful authority, was remanded until Monday by Bow Street court.

Flag apology

George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, apoloyesterday after a Ministry of Defence worker had raised a torn Union Flag upside down over the ministry for the Remembrance Service. He said: "I very much share the annoyance felt by veterans who deserve better

Castration plan Convicted paedophiles could be "chemically castrated" within the Prison Service's programme to they consent. Richard Tilt. Director General, said there was evidence with psychologically based licatment could af-

fect the attitudes of paedophiles. RAF men fined Flight-Lieutenant Shaun Wildey, 28, and Flight rett, 30, from 54 Squadron at RAF Coltishall, were fined £2.500 each and severely reprimanded at a courtmartial after admitting faking a one-night hotel bill for expenses while on active service during the

Train spies

questioned - about



Ecclestone, left, joined Max Mosley to win control of Formula One

Tycoon's drive built up winning formula

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

BERNIE ECCLESTONE, the man who controls Formula One sagter racing almost certain earns the highest cearns the highest salary and the world. Mr Ecclestone, the son of a Suffolk trawlerman, was paid £54 million last year — double the £27 million he received in each of the previous three

But even these massive sums pale into insignificance when compared with the £500 million valuation placed on the Ecclestone family stake in Formula One Holdings, the sport's controlling company, the stock market in the next few months. For tax reasons, this stake is largely controlled by Mr Ecclestone's wife, Slavica.

Mr Ecclestone's remarkable rise to become one of the wealthiest men in the country is still shrouded in mystery.

advice and decided to return

"My advice was sought by

the General Secretary of the Labour Party in view of the

wider implications for matters

of party funding which my

committee will in due course

crincism of the party for

originally receiving a dona-tion from Mr Ecclestone, but

in the light of the changed

circumstances I stressed the

importance of those in public

life being judged not only by the reality but also by the

It is the second major em-

barrassiment for the Govern-

ment since the exclusion for

Formula One was announced.

It emerged 24 hours after the

policy U-turn that the hus-band of Tessa Jowell, the

and deals which govern the sport are still surrounded by secrecy. But as details have emerged ahead of the float, it has become clear that Mr. Ecclestone, 66, controls not just the television rights to the sport, but the corporate and merchandising rights and the

After leaving Woolwich Polytechnic with a degree in chemical engineering, he es-tablished a successful car and motorcycle dealership in Bexley, south London, before going on to create a property

spotting the full financial potential of motor racing that enabled him to build his fortune. He purchased the Brabham Formula One team in the Seventies, but later sold it for £2 million to concentrate on trying to place Formula One on a more professional

former director of the leading race team Benetton Formula.

of funding by Labour in the last Parliament, could not

resist the temptation to gloat. A spokesman said: "Labour

has been caught on the horns

A Labour spokesman said:

Mr Mosley and Mr Ward,

"We have acted swiftly and done the right thing.

the other two members of last October's delegation to see Mr

Blair, both belong to the exclusive 1000 Club, members

of which give at least £1,000 a

port has been falling rapidly

from 77 per cent of party

income in 1986 to 45 per cent

last year. Then the unions

Labour's trade union sup-

year to party funds.

contributed £6 million.

of its own hypocrisy."

The Tory party, relentlessly

with Max Mosley, the son of Sir Oswald Mosley, to win control first of the Formula One Constructors' Association and then FIA, the Federation Internationale l'Automobile, the governing body of Formula One. Mr Ecclestone persuaded the FIA to hand over the television and

merchandising rights to his own company, promising the sport improved profits in

It was Mr Ecclestone's idea to package Formula One as a fortnightly show - increasing sponsors which sowed the seeds of the sports current success. He is now targetting pay-per-view televison-as-the next big growth market and is believed to have invested £50 million of his own money in creating a state-of-the-art system that will allow viewers to choose which driver to

Bosnia conflict.

The London-Kent train company Connex South Eastern is paying selected season-ticket holders £100 a month to report if they consider staff are failing in their duties. The policy was discovered when a guard asked to see a man's ticket, and

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distributing the money.

Mrs Reynolds said: "It has got completely out of control.

Organisers seek professional help in preparing for appeal against verdict, Daniel McGrory writes

LOUISE WOODWARD appeal fund organisers said yesterday that they want to use the £250,000 raised so far to clear the au pair's name, but that they needed professional help to handle the money. Cash and cheques are pour-

ing into Woodward's home village of Elton. Cheshire. Securicor provides a free armoured vehicle each aftermoon to collect the latest cash donations and so many foreign coins and banknotes have been sent that they have been put in a safe in the community hall until banks can deal with

Linda Reynolds, who helped to launch the campaign in February after Woodward was arrested, said: "We just cannot cope with it all. Money is coming in faster than we can count it. It's too soon to say exactly how it should be spent, but the priority must be to prove her innocence. This is why the appeal was started." local bank yesterday pledged to send its own solicitor and accountant to help in

We certainly haven't had time



Cash pours in for Woodward fund

the money. Louise and her parents must be consulted along with the people of Elton. We are afraid that those who sent money might think we have wasted it. We need outside, professional help because the sums involved are enormous and getting bigger

Woodward has been kept

been sent some of the thousands of letters that have postal orders.

Mrs Reynolds said: "There was a night not so long ago we had a bingo session in the local pub and raised £10 profit and thought we had done well. We didn't need to appoint informed of the fund's rising because we only raised total in her prison cell and has £13,000 in the first eight

months. That was used to keep her parents in Boston so they could be close to her. Since the verdict it has gone mad."

Organisers are waiting to see if the US-based recruitment agency that hired Woodward will continue to pay her legal costs. Mrs Reynolds said: Louise will appeal this [manslaughter] verdict, so our money may not go far. If she has to stay in jail

then we need to help her parents, Gary and Sue, and her sister, Vicky, stay in ston or visit her regularly. "If there is money left over

then we want a local committee along with Louise and her family to decide how to use it. She has already hinted she would like to help a charity for children in Boston, Fund organisers were last

night in consultation with the

Mrs McCabe said that when the fund started they asked a woman accountant

might cost".

szaff from the EF Au Pair

recruitment agency at the Rigger pub in Elton, which

has become the campaign

headquarters. Sheila McCabe

from outside the village to detail every donation. "She also detailed how the money was spent, which was almost the Woodwards in Boston."

said: "We need to know if they will pay for her appeal or we will have to. We will also have We are afraid all this money could cause argument in the village about how it is to find out how much that spent. That we want to avoid at all cost".

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Campaign team greet judgment in silence

By Russell Jenkins

SUBDUED silence greeted the judgment in The Rigger public house in Elton, Cheshire, the centre of the campaign to free Woodward.

Friends and villagers squeezed into the bar were concentrating on the blank Internet website when news of the judgment filtered through via satellite tele-vision. One woman sitting on the bar put her hand to her mouth and said "oh no". Another supporter at the back of the public house whooped with delight but was shouted down. The general

cy-faced. There was little emotional reaction as people broke up into knots to discuss what the judgment meant for Woodward and her chances of being home for Christmas. Karen Rhodes, 19, one of her closest friends, said: "We will fight on. We are hoping she will be home soon. We want a

complete acquittal." Jean Jones, of the "Justice for Louise Woodward" campaign, issued a statement saying: "We firmly believe, as we have always believed, in Louise's total innocence. This campaign will continue until

Web surfers caught out by power failure

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH AND FRANCES GIBB

AU PAIR Louise Woodward's agonising wait to hear her fate delivered via the wonders of new technology was prolonged by an old fashioned

black-out yesterday.
Judge Hiller B. Zobel's ruling - the most eagerly await-. ed single e-mail message in the history of the Liternet failed to appear on screens around the world when an entire section of the city of Boston, Massachusetts, suffered a power failure.

As the judge pressed the Court to send his e-mail to the Lawyers Weekly magazine site on the Internet, the service provider was one of many businesses in Boston to lose

power.
The failure was unrelated to the number of people trying to access the site around the

failure one minute before we were to issue the decision," Middlesex County Court clerk Whitney Brown said. "It just totally crashed the system." The ruling did not become available for more than an hour later. But minutes after 3pm.

when the ruling had been due to appear electronically, the result was known by American TV reporters who had had the result leaked to them by court staff. At 3.20 reporters were read-

ing it live on television from hard copies given out by the court once the extent of the came known.

finally made it on to the Internet, it proved tremen-dously difficult to access because of the number of people wishing to read it.

Virgin Net in Britain, which was one of a number of "mirror" web pages set up in order to handle the volume of users, said that it had received around 1,000 "hits" every 20 seconds as 3pm approached.



The provider of the Lawvers Weekly service, Software Tool & Die in Brookline, Massachusetts, criticised the courts for not having had a back-up.

The company said that it would have recommended this but had not been told that it would be putting out the

"No one contacted us to say that they were putting this out through our service," said Mary Riendeau, vice presi-

"People will have been criti-Internet is not a real-time network but is expected to be

Judge Zobel had intended that his decision would be issued only over the Internet system to avoid a media crush at the courthouse and had wanted to make the document instantaneously available to people on both sides of the Atlantic who have closely followed the case.

The posting of the ruling on the Internet was to have been a first in Massachusetts and possibly the United States.

Other jurisdictions regularly post their decisions on the Web, but only after they have been filed with the court clerk and are available in paper

More than 160 Web sites were devoted to covering the

The Internet is so commonly used in the greater Boston area that Judge Zobel admon-ished jurors daily that in addition to not watching telelistening to the radio, they should not look at the Web.

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Timetable of case that tested justice

☐ July 1996: Woodward, 18, finishes A-levels and finds placement through EF Au Pair agency in Boston, Mass.

November. 1996: After leaving first placement, unhappy at 11pm "curfew", starts work with Eappens in Newton Heights, Boston. ☐ January 30, 1997: Eappens, concerned at late nights out, draw up written requirements for "the safety and well-being of our kids. ☐ February 4: Woodward calls ambulance after Mat-

thew stops breathing. He is put on life support at Boston Children's Hospital.

February 5: Woodward arrested. Pleads not guilty to battery. Unable to meet bail of £62,500, sent to Framingham women's prison.

☐ February 9: Matthew critical. As well as brain injuries, doctors say he has four-

week-old arm fracture. ☐ February 10: Manhew switched off. ☐ February 13: Woodward denies murder. Refused bail. Funeral service for Mat-

March & Grand jury decides Woodward must face charge of first-degree

October 7: Trial starts. October & Brain surgeon Joseph Medsen con-

cedes that head injuries could have been received days or weeks before Matthew was taken to hospital. October 9: Pathologist Gerard Feigin, who carried out autopsy, says he found no evidence of shaking. October 14: Det Sgt Wil-

liam Byrne says Woodward admined she may have been a little rough" with baby when he was "cranky". October 23: Woodward in tears as she describes frantic attempts to revive him. ☐ October 26: Insists on all-

or-nothing verdict, stopping jury considering charges less serious than murder.

□ October 28: Prosecutor calls her "a liar and aspiring

October 30: Jury returns verdict of second-degree murder mandatory life sen-tence with no parole for at least 15 years.

☐ October 31: Judge Hiller

Zobel passes sentence. □ November 1: Woodward tells parents: "Please don't let me spend the rest of my life in here for something I didn't do."

□ November 2: It emerges that jury was split when it retired; those favouring acquittal were persuaded to accept conviction. November 4: Judge hears

overturned or charge to be reduced. ☐ November 10: Judge resentence

defence plea for verdict to be

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the Archbishop of Canterbury,

publicly apologises for its ac-

tions during the war.

pan has issued its first public apology for its sin in having allowed the colonial rule and the war of aggression by the

during the Second World War. In a statement published today, coinciding with Armistice Day, the Nippon Sei Ko Kai, Japan's Anglican church, which forms part of the 70million strong worldwide An57,000 members, says it ing to oppose Japan's role. It said its general synod, dioceses, bishops and parishes had

compromised their faith with

Services will return to traditional format

THE Church of England has conceded that its modern liturgy is "flat and unpoetic" and is returning to a traditional format in its services. The licence of the 1980 Alternative Service Book will not be extended when it expires

The ASB will be replaced by a new book called Common Worship in which modern services and rites using the language of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer will stand side-by-side.

Some of the new services are being tested in 800 par-ishes in England. A Church esman said: The return the idea of a "Tenno", which "God of heaven-ruled nation

has been well received The general synod later where changes include the use of alternative words to "men", such as "neighbours". where the reference is to

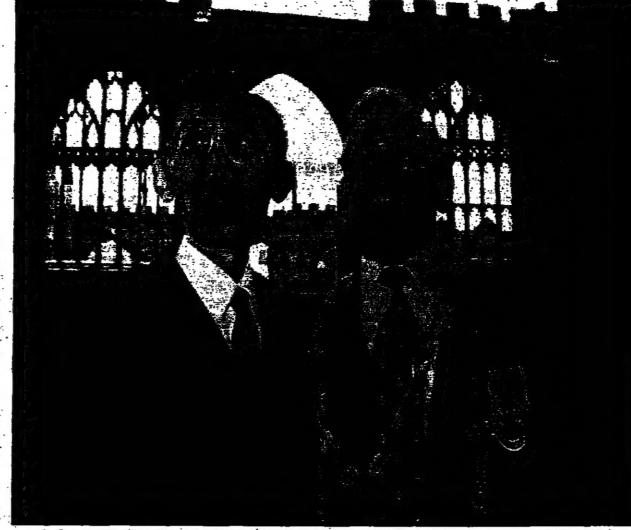
The synod will also debate the two versions of the Lord's Prayer on offer. Commo Worship will include a traditional and modern version. The traditional version beeins: "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name." The modern version exchanges "thy" for "your".

against the gospel." The statement says: The Nippon Sei authorities, and some priests and lay people experienced the struggle of faith. But despite these bitter experiences, our church has not been able to stand beside those who are oppressed and suffering."
The church was unable to

see Japan as an aggressor in the war, the statement says. Instead, using special prayers, "our church has justified Janan's rule over other ethnic groups and supported the war under the name of Christianity. We have been a closed church whose main concern is the expansion of the membership and the retention of the institution, thus being unable to serve as the salt for the earth as indicated in the gospet."

the church's general synod in 1996 but only released today, says the church has neglected to change its attitude, and had even included the "Tenno" system of government in its

prayer book The church confesses that, even after the war, it failed to abandon its "dicriminatory attitudes" and prays for change. According to a background paper issued by the General Synod of the Church of England, which has sent the



The Japanese Ambassador with a former prisoner of war after laying a wreath at Coventry Cathedral yesterday

confession and apology to all 575 members, the process that led to the statement "involved much pain and heartsear-

A number of other churches in Japan have produced similar statements. The Church of ment "remarkable" given the tiny size of its Japanese sister church, and when "the cultur-

guilt, confession and apology is taken into account," according to John Clark, secretary to the Partnership for World

According to the Most Rev James Takashi Yashiro, primate of Japan, the sharement of apology has appeared "after much prayer, reflection, discussion and heart-felt concern" and is being offered as "a sign of our love" to all who

suffered and were oppressed. Archbishops of Canterbury and York. Dr. George Carey and Dr David Hope, said the statement presents chalwith secular powers and the

cern for the oppressed and

their applications processed. A motion on the Asylum and Immigration Act 1996, which stopped political refugees from claiming benefits unless they demanded asylum as soon as they entered Britain, will be debated by members later this month.

More apply to become priests

SO MANY people are applying to become vicars that the Church of England's training. budget has gone into the red. according to figures released The number of men and

women applying to the priest-bood has exceeded all expec-tations and is being interpreted as a sign of

ures to be published in Reb-

Church officials will go cap in hand to the General Synod when it meets at Westminster next month to ask for more ey for the training budget. The overspend has come because the Church believes that all who have a genuine vocation must be accepted to the ministry

After 1993, following years of decline, numbers started to increase fractionally. Then last year there was a sudden surge in numbers recomfull-time stipendiary minis-try. While 348 new ordinands increased to 390 in 1996 and has gone up further to 44i this year. About a third of ordinands are women.

An extra £210,000 is needed from the Church's central board of finance, on top of to finance the increase. About 600 ciergy are ordained each ear, keeping a level of about 10,000 in service after taking into account retire those who leave The Rev Bill Beaver, direc-

tor of the Church's communications, said: There are a lot of signs around of a recovery of confidence. There is the way the funeral of the late Princess of Wales went the way the Church's bishops took a stand on assuring the safety of church schools, and now the rising number of ordinands. All these things add up to a new spirit of

Hope at talks to heal rift between churches

and the Methodist Church will move a step closer to becoming one, united church under proposals to be debated by the General Synod later this month.

The synoid is to be asked to set up "formal conversations with Methodist leaders in Britain. Although eventual unity - with the coming together under one roof and ministry — could be years if not decades away, this is the first step towards healing a two centuries old breach between Methodism and

Informal talks between the two churches bave been taking place for some months. The last time a move towards unity was attempted, the Church of England rejected Methodist overtures in 1982 because of concerns in the Anglo-Catholic wing of the

Anglican church. Many of those concerns remain, but the Anglo-Catholics are less strong today after the exodus to Rome caused by the ordination of women priests. However, any moves towardsfull unity are certain to be cautious to avoid another such rejection.

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wins fight

If the synod agrees to set up formal talks, proposed by the Council for Christian Unity, the Methodists will debate the issue at their conference in Scarborough next June. Talks would then proceed shortly afterwards.

Philip Mawyer, the synod's Secretary General, said: There is a natural caution which follows the past history of events. We who walk up the aisle but then leave when we get to the top and do not go through with the

Mr Mawer added: "If itis accepted it will set in train a process which will enable us to move forward together on an increasingly convergent path with the aim of an eventual coming

Difficulties centre over the nature of episcopal leadership. Methodist churches in some parts of the world have bishops, but not in England. Also, Methodists accept the ministry of women throughout the church, whereas the Church of England is unlikely to allow women bishops to be consecrated until

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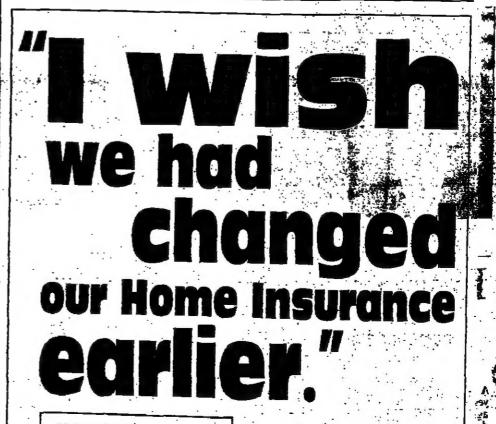
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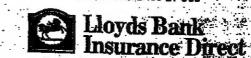


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Court told man confessed to train carriage

attack in 999 call, Joanna Bale reports

A WOMAN stabbed in the head on a on to the seats and opened the carriage train managed to walk to an adjoining carriage to seek help with the 5m blade still embedded up to the hilt, a court

was told yesterday.

After Robert Buckland thrust the hunting knife into her head. Alison Kennedy said she walked slowly through her empty railway carriage and into the next, where another passenger kept her talking until the train stopped at the next station and the alarm was raised.

In a statement read out to the Old Bailey by Gino Connor, for the prosecution, Miss Kennedy, 28, said that she was alone in the carriage on the 8.30pm London Waterloo to Guildford train last March and was feeling frightened when Buckland went to sit behind her. "About 30 seconds later I felt a terrific pain in my head. I put my right hand up and knew that something was in my head. My hand was covered in blood. I felt the handle and then the blade. I knew it

"I was shaking and terrified. I said to myself: 'God, I have got to get some help'. I walked up the carriage holding "Miss Kennedy miraculously didn't

door into the next one."

There she saw a male passenger. "I said to him. 'Can you help me? What's happened? He looked at my head. I said. Something terrible has happened. Have I been stabbed? He replied, Yes, you have. She then pointed out Buckland, who was further down the train, to the man. "I remember finding it difficult to sit down. I had horrific pain in my head. I

kept asking him if I was going to die."

The man went to get the guard and told her that she would get help at the next station, West Clandon. As she was taken into the ambulance, the pain began to get worse. She said: "I began to shout about the pain and they gave me caygen. I was terrified. They told me it would take 20 minutes to get to hospital. I remember thinking, 'How am I going to survive 20 minutes?'"

After being examined at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, she was transferred to the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery in London with the knife still embedded



Ruckland: he admits wounding

die and miraculously didn't even lose

consciousness." The court was told that after the attack Buckland tried to escape from the moving train by forcing a door open, but failed. When the train stopped, he ran off down the track and eventually stopped at a telephone kiosk where he dialied 999.

The jury was played a tape of the conversation Buckland had with the operator, in which he said: "I have just stabbed someone with a knife." The

operator asked him: "Can you tell me why you did it?" He replied: "Just this urge to do it. It just came over me."
While the operator kept him talking. she alerted the police and Buckland was arrested at the telephone kiosk.

The jury was shown the knife and Xrays of it embedded in Miss Kennedy's skull. At the time of the attack, Mr Connor said, Miss Kennedy was a "fit and healthy woman with a zest for life. She had a degree in art and had done a postgraduate course in sculpture. She had spent some time working in London but had moved back to her native Belfast in 1996 to become an education officer for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. At the time of the attack, she was visiting friends and family in England.

Adrian Casey, a senior registrar at the National Hospital for Neurology, told the court that her injury was lifethreatening and that she would never fully recover from the brain damage that it caused. It had left her with no peripheral vision in either eye and with a risk of epilepsy. She also had a loss of feeling in her left arm and required further surgery to insert a metal plate to repair her skull.

Buckland, of no fixed address, pleads not guilty to attempted murder but guilty to wounding with intent. The



Alison Kennedy, who requires further surgery to repair the damage to her skull

Policewoman wins fight over work sex gibes

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

A WOMAN detective who was of the tribunal sitting in Readmicknamed "Massive Cleav- ing, accused him yesterday of age" and subjected to a barrage of sexual abuse by male colleagues yesterday won her case for harassment.

An industrial tribunal ruled that Detective Constable Dee Mazurkiewicz had suffered months of harassment by Thames Valley police. DC Mazurkiewicz, 41, is the second woman officer to win a case of this nature against the force in the past three months. During the hearings DC Mazurkiewicz, a single mother of a seven-year-old daughter, described how she was tormented by fellow officers at Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire. At one stage they claimed she got confessions from criminals

y "getting her boobs out". They also accused her of performing sex acts on prisoners in exchange for con-

fessions. She eventually went sick and complained in November 1995 about the harassment. Inspector George Pugsley in-vestigated her allegations and she was transfered after he found no evidence for her

John Hollow, the chairman



Mazurkiewicz victim of station taunts

misrepresenting the facts when he gave evidence. He said the inspector had conceded that he thought indecent remarks had been made but then said he could not be sure they had been made by two tion, Detective Sergeant Dave Phillips and Detective Consta-ble Michael Hunter.

Mr Hollow said: "The most charitable view we can take is that it was disingenuous to say there was no evidence whatsoever. It is in our view a misrepresentation of the

Mr Hollow said it was clear that within the CID office there was a culture of bawdy repartee between the officers. The woman detective had said she was no s violet.

Mr Hollow said an individ nal might be able to take remarks at first Later, circumstances could change and what was acceptable might then become intolerable. That the case for DC Mazurkiewicz.

The officer won her case for harassment and victimisation but not discrimination. She will now be examined by a Thames Valley Police medical officer to see if she is fit to return to work. Damages will be decided and announced in

After the decision Ian Blair. assistant chief constable of Thames Valley, said: "We feel sorry that Miss Mazurkiewicz has felt distress at this case. We will learn from it. She is welcome back and the decision as to whether she would like this is up to her."

He said that the force, which is the largest shire force in the country, would look at the judgment and further action may be taken against the officers criticised in the

Lawrence killer loses appeal

BY ADRIAN LEE

yesterday lost his appeal against conviction for the murder of headmaster Philip Lawrence. Learco Chindamo, now 17, claimed he was the victim of mistaken identity and the real killer was another youth.

David Spens, QC, for Chindamo, said that witnesses who saw him strike the fatal blow as Mr Lawrence, 48, tried to break up a fight outside St George's Roman Catholic school, in Maida Vale, north west London, two years ago, were mistaken.

Judge Neil Dennison, the original trial judge, failed to properly direct the jury on the risks of identification evidence, Mr Spens said. His client had swapped clothes with the other youth, then aged 15, shortly before the stabbing and the face of the attacker was obscured by a

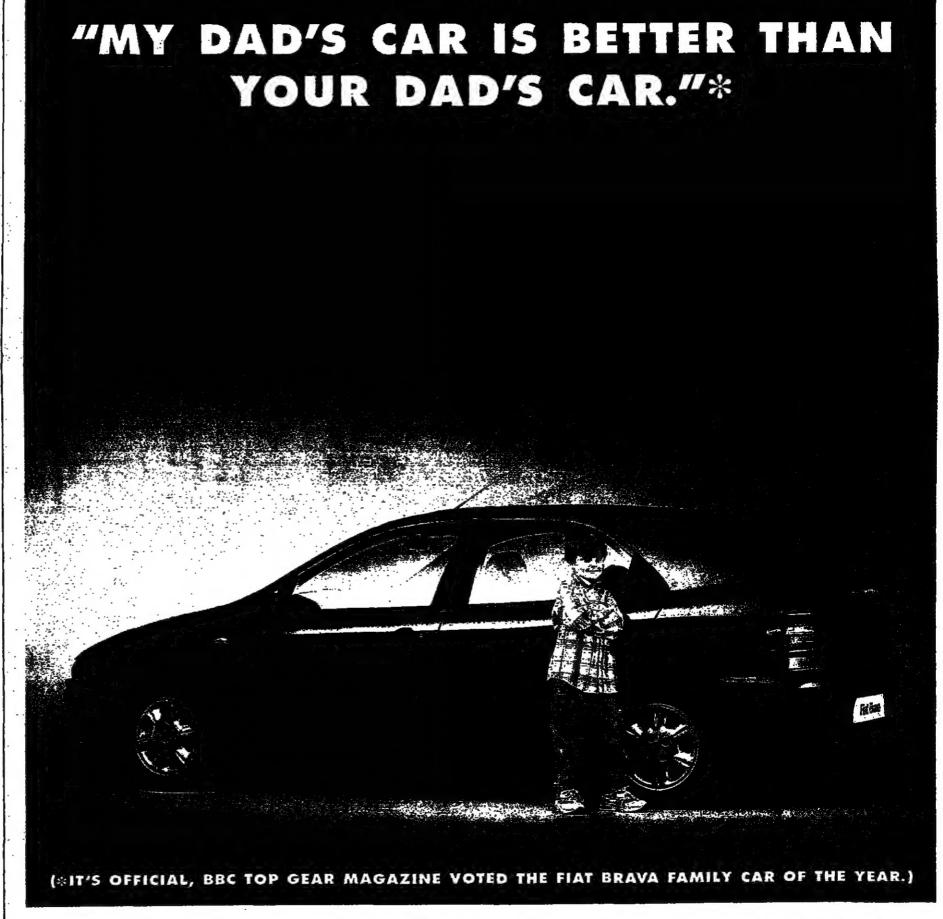
mask or hood. "The incident took place in a matter of seconds," Mr Spens

A TEENAGE gang leader said. The immediate area dren on the pavement, spilling

into the road." Mr Lawrence's widow, Frances, was at the Court of Appeal as Lord Bingham, the Lord Chief Justice, sitting with Mr Justice Kay and Mr Justice Brown, rejected the appeal. He said: "In the light of all the arguments advanced, we are in no doubt that this convic-

tion is safe." Chindamo was ordered to be detained during Her Majesty's pleasure following an Old Bailey mal in October last year. The court heard then he was part of a triad-style gang which had gone to sort out" a pupil at Mr Lawrence's school. Mr Lawrence was hit in the face and stabbed

through the heart. Several witnesses identified Chindamo and one schoolgiri said that she saw the other youth leave the scene before



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Drought damages project to restore salmon to Thames

AN AMBITIOUS plan to restock the Thames with salmon after 140 years is being threatened by drought and higher water temperatures.

This year's salmon run has been by far the lowest since scientists began reintroducing young fish into the cleaned-up river in the late 1970s and keeping an annual record of the number of adults returning from the open sea.

So far no more than 25 fish have been caught in the trap operated by the Environment Agency at Molessy Weir, 4½ miles upstream from Teddington, which marks the limit of the tidal Thames. The peak months for returning fish are August and September.

Greg Armstrong, the agency's regional fisheries manager, said: "We are seeing a worrying trend. Since 1993, when a record 338 returning fish were counted, there's been a steady decline, with 238 in 1994, 190 in 1995 and 162 last year." Salmon face unusually

Climate change and low flow

blamed as fewer

fish return to

spawn, Michael Hornsby reports

hostile conditions this year, including low freshwater river flow, which was reduced still further by abstraction to top up reservoirs, and August temperatures of 24C in the tideway—well above what the

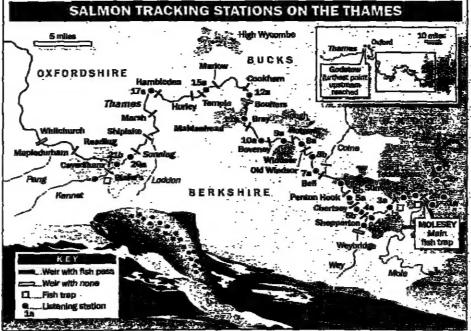
fish will tolerate.
Sudden summer rainstorms and flash floods made matters worse by overloading London's Victorian sewer system, which overflowed and poured large amounts of untreated effluent into the Thames, lowering oxygen lev-

els in the water. "Taken together: these conditions made it very difficult for salmon, which are fastidious fish, to get through the tideway and into the freshwater reaches of the river, which they must do if they are to have a chance of spawning." Mr Armstrong

"There is little doubt that drought was the critical factor, even if other things may have been happening out at sea which we do not know about. There have been dry periods before but we could now be facing a permanent climate change."

The setback comes just as the salmon restoration project was about to enter a crucial new phase with the start of work later this month on the first of 17 fish passes on the Kennet, which flows into the Thames at Reading, at a cost of £1.3 million.

The Millermium Commission has donated £588,000, the Thames Salmon Trust, a char-



ity that raises funds from commercial sources, is providing £428,000 and the Environment Agency has agreed to make up the balance.

The Kennet is thought to offer the best spawning grounds for salmon, which like to lay their eggs in riverbed gravel washed by shallow, well-oxygenated water. The Thames itself, at least in its lower reaches, can no longer provide such sheltered sites. The passes will allow salmon to move from lower to

higher levels of the river with minimum effort up gently sloping channels built into the side of the weir. There are already 21 passes between Teddington and Reading.

Since 1995, scientists have trapped and radio-tagged many of the returning salmon and monitored their further progress upstream via a series of listening posts. The design of the Sunbury pass had to be modified after it was found that 50 per cent of fish were failing to get through it.

"Salmon are capable of jumping over weirs unaided," Mr Armstrong said. "Indeed, one was recorded as far upstream as Godstow, near Oxford, in the early 1980s. But we need virtually all returning salmon to reach the spawning rounds and not just a few

Scientists think that at least 1,000 salmon will need to return each year to the Thanes for there to be any chance of reestablishing a truly natural normalization.

Goats fall victim to appeal of Irish music

BY AUDREY MAGEE, IRRIAND CORRESPONDENT

THE popularity of Irish music is exacting a heavy tall on wild goats in the west of Ireland. They are being hunted for their skins by rustlers capitalising on the increasing international demand for the bodkrain, the traditional hand-held Irish drum.

The Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is investigating farmers reports that goats have been rounded up and tilled along the west coast particularly in the counties of Galway and Clare. The animals are skinned and the hides sold to dram makers, who are working to keep up with demand for the bodhram.

Malachy Kearns, Ireland's most renowned
bodhran maker, said that
he receives weekly calls
from dealers offering goat
skins for sale. "I have my
own network of suppliers
and do not get involved but
it is obvious that these gays
are going out into the
woods and mountains to
take shots at the goats."
Mr Kearns said. "They
don't have a clue about
what they are doing but
have heard bodhrans are
fashionable and want a
quick way to get some
money for drink and
drugs."

Since the Irish music and dance show Riverdance hit the international stage in 1994, the demand for bodhrans has surged. When he started his drum making business in Roundstone, Co Galway, 15 years ago, Mr Kearns wondered how long it would survive. Today he is working in a £4

ing 30 other partime drum-makers around Ireland. Almost three-quarters of the 15,000 instruments are exported and advice on how to play it is on the Internet.

The bodhrun can be

made with synthetic material and thousands of cheap drums are produced in Taiwan. A proper botheran, acceptable to musicians such as Christy Moore is treated goatskin stretched across a beech hoop, costing from £50. Many of the botheran makers use skins from India and Africa. Mr Kearns tried them but found them too brittle and resorted to the Irish goat.

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He said: "Bodhrans have to be very tough. It is not just any type of goat-skin — It has to be strong enough to tolerate the bounce of the drumstick. The goat must be well fed and looked after to produce that kind of skin."

available but it is estimated that only a few thousand wild goats survive today, most of them along the west coast. In 1994 the EU sought to give the animals special status under the environmental protection scheme. The initiative failed, however, when farmers objected, complaining that the goats were pests and destructive of crops, leaving the animals vamerable to rustlers.

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They shoot or lasso the goats and drag them to a waiting van. Each hide fetches about E10 while the meat is sold to factories. Meat from kids fetches a good price in some Dublin restaurants.



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Boffin aged ten solves peace quest with pet project

TODD GREEN has come up with a solution to one of the biggest problems facing young people in the closing stages of the 20th century how to keep cyberpets silent yet alive while their owners are at school.

At the age of ten, Todd's moment of popular acciain in the world of scientific discovery was slightly marred yesterday. Even as teachers and manufacturers were hailing his work, his mother accidentally put his latest cyberpet in the washing machine, rendering it silent but dead.

Electronic pets have been banned from many of Britain's classrooms after driving pachers to distraction by their irequent bleeping for atten-tion. Their owners are reluctant to leave the gadgets at home, where their calls for feeding or playtime can end in "death" if not unanswered. Todd, from Hillsborough,

I Get on to the clock function

2 Press buttons Land 3

3 When the word "set" appears, press button 1 to change hour and button 2 to change minute

4 Your cyberpet must go to sleep every night at around 9pm. If you make sure it is satisfied, then set the clock to around ten minutes before it goes to sleep at night. Make sure you have it set to pag. Do this before school, switch off its light and it will remain happy

5 To wake up repeat the above procedure but set to am not pm.

Sheffield, found an old-technology answer: Cheat In a letter to The Times Educational Supplement he tells owners to fiddle the toy's clock setting from am to pm, to make it believe that school time is night-time when it should be asleep. It was a natural advance for the boy who fixes the family computer when it baffles his father, a university lecturer. In his letter, Todd

announces: "I have researched cyberpers and figured out a ay to switch them off without them for up to 12 hours. For all those people who are desperate to keep them alive without being told off, here are five simple instructions. This works on most cyber pets."

Todd, a pupil at Markliffe

primary school, said yester-day: The pets are not yet banned at my school, but the



Back to reality: Todd Green had discovered how to keep his cyberpet alive yet silent, but then his mother put it in the washing machine

teachers were really getting cross. So I sat down and tried to work out how to switch my cyberpet off without killing it. It took me three days.

"Sadly my latest one is completely dead now, my mother put it in the washing machine by accident this morning and it is finished." His father Keith, 43, a

linguistics lecturer at Sheffield University said:

"Todd is a real cyberpet expert, in fact he's a real computer expert. He fixs anything that goes wrong on my mach-ine when I don't have a clue.

"He's on his fifth or sixth cyberpet since I queued for hours to get him his first one last January. He acquires a more complicated one each time and passes the old one on. He's known as the boffin among friends at school. They

bring their cyberpets to him when they need special atten-tion. He's a sort of cyberpet consultant. At one stage he was looking after about five or

six of them for his friends. "I suppose he wrote to the TES because of his parents" background. I am at university and his mother is retraining to be a teacher." Todd has

ther are great cyberpet lovers. "Kai has a hamster" said her father. "She prefers the real

thing." A spokesman for Bandai, the original manufacturers, said: "Our cyberpets have always had the facility to reset the clock without killing it off. but we have only recently included instructions on how to do it in the literature. The method described by Todd is

exactly right. Once the set mode is displayed, the operation of the cyberpet is suspended anyway until it receives

further instructions." ☐ Cyberpets were included in a service to bless animals at the parish curch of Chandler's Ford, Southampton. The Reverend Adrian Harbidge said: "If a cyberpet teaches children to not just think of themselves.

Social services knew of child sex killer

By Shirley English

AICONVICTED sex offender no abducted and strangled a nine-year-old schoolboy while under the supervision of social workers was sentenced to life yesterday with a recommendation he serves at least 25

Steven Leisk, 34, pleaded guilty to abducting Scott Simpson with intent to commit a sexual offence and strangling him with a scarf on July 17 this year. He also admitted previous sex attacks

or two i4-year-old boys. Scott went missing after a football game in a local park ini Aberdeen. His body was found four days later in the early hours of July 22

It emerged that the killer, who had four previous convicans for sex offences and had en released from prison in had been living across the road from the children's park used by Scott in the Powis area of the city

The former army medical orderly, who served in the Falklands, was on a police list of sex offenders and under the supervision of Aberdeenshire social services department. But the High Court in

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Aberdeen was told that social workers failed to alert police to the possible threat despite a highly publicised four-day search for the missing boy.

It fell to a concerned member of Leisk's family, who has not been identified, to contact the police. It was then that officers called at the paedophile's home and he confessed to the killing.

Scott's parents demanded a public inquiry into what they claimed was the atrocious handling of the case by police and social workers who vesterday were refusing to admit mistakes had been made.

Peter Cassidy, head of social work at Aberdeenshire Couneil defended the member of staff responsible, claiming that the did not believe Leisk was worthy of suspicion despite his appalling past record. According to the social worker he had appeared to be making progress in his life.

However, it emerged that Scottish office guidelines recommending twice monthly visits had not been maintained. He was only seen eight times by social workers be-tween his release and the murder.

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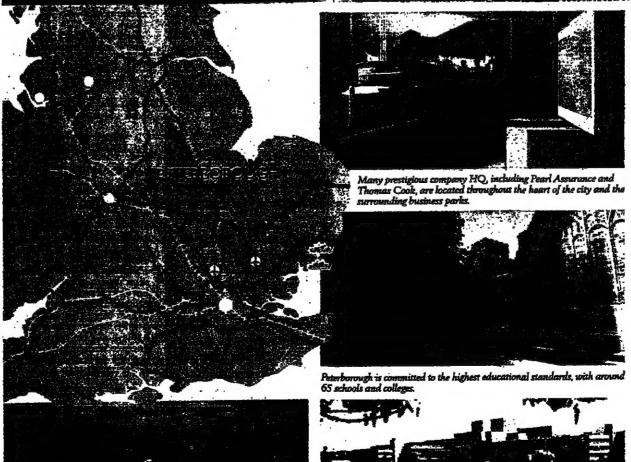
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Naming of failing schools to continue

John O'leary and David Charter report on a policy branded a stunt

day to carry on "naming and shaming" the worst schools despite teachers' claims that the approach was a political with no educational

David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, announced that four of the 18 schools which in May were given six months to improve or face closure were no longer failing their pupils. Two schools, Blakelaw Comprehensive, in Newcastle, and

Abbey Farm Middle School, Thetford (failed January 1995): Good progress, likely to come off failing list next term.

Ashburton High, Croydon (October 1995): Reasonable progress, new permanent head teacher but budget problems remain.

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Blakelaw School, Newcastle (April 1996):
Reasonable progress, new acting head backs
LEA plan for "fresh start" next September.
Dutwich High, Southwark (April 1995): Reasonable progress, LEA still considering long-term
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Earl Marshall School, Sheffield (August 1985): Reasonable progress, LEA considering school's future before end of year.

Handsworth Wood Boys' School, Birmingham (April 1995): Reasonable progress but closure planned at and of school year.

Reasonable progress, standards improving but budget problems remain.

Les Green Special School, Waitham Forest (January 1996): Good progress, likely to come off failing list next form.

Handsworth Wood, in Birmingham, will close, although Blakelaw will reopen under a new name. The fate of the remaining dozen will be reviewed before the end of the school year. Mostyn Gardens primary school, in Lambeth, South London, and Selhurst High School, in Croydon, are still causing "serious concern". and could close.

Question marks also hang over two schools whose viability is being reviewed by their local authorities. A decision

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school, in Sheffield, before the end of the year, while Dulwich High School, in Southwark, South London, is the subject of a long-term review.

heads of some of the 18 schools said that improvements were taking place before ministers published their list. Mr Blunkett said yesterday that the process would continue. "Those who thought it was a gesture are going to get a very rude awakening." He said

1995): Limited progress causing "serious or cem", new head and deputy start next term.

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Our Lady of Fallma GM School, Liverpool (March 1995): Reasonable progress, new head teacher in post.
Rams Episcopal Primary School, Hackney (April 1995): Reasonable progress, action on weak teaching and standards improving.
St Many of the Angels, Westminster (Decamber 1995): Reasonable progress, standards improving, new head arrives next term.
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Selfuns High, Croydon (June 1995): Limited progress causing "serious concern", 15 teachers warned to improve by Christmas or leave.

South Benevell Primary, Newcastle (April 1995): Limited progress but new head showing strong leadership.

Southfields GM School, Gravesend, Kent (April 1995): Reasonable progress, standards improving, new governors to be appointed.
Upbury Manor GM School, Gillingham, Kent (April 1995): Reasonable progress, standards improved

Teachers' leaders and the

had triggered improvement in schools where there had been long-term failure. "I make no apology for it. I will continue

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said Mr Blunkett's comments were "pure self-justifying lic-tion". Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said: "Naming and shaming was for media manipulation. It had no positive impact and no educational validity." David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "Yesterday's announcement is a shallow attempt to give credence to a

Their criticisms were shared by the head of the most successful of the 18 schools. Jean Millham, of Morningside Primary School, in Hackney, East London, said: "This school was improving long before the naming and shaming. We had not had an inspection since November. They condemned us six months later without bothering to pay us another visit. It just knocked everyone back and hurt the parents, children and teachers. I hope they will learn this is not the way to do it." She conceded that extra



under the policy had allowed the school to speed up its improvement programme.

Russ Wallace, head teacher at Blakelaw School, Newcastle, said the announcement in May was a catalyst for change. Blakelaw will get a fresh start next September with a new name and new staff. "Our initial reaction to the naming and shaming was

said. "But then we thought, We are not going to take this lying down. Let's see what we can do'. A lot of people did not want to send their kids here because they were worned. that the school was going to close. Now that that danger has been taken away, we can-

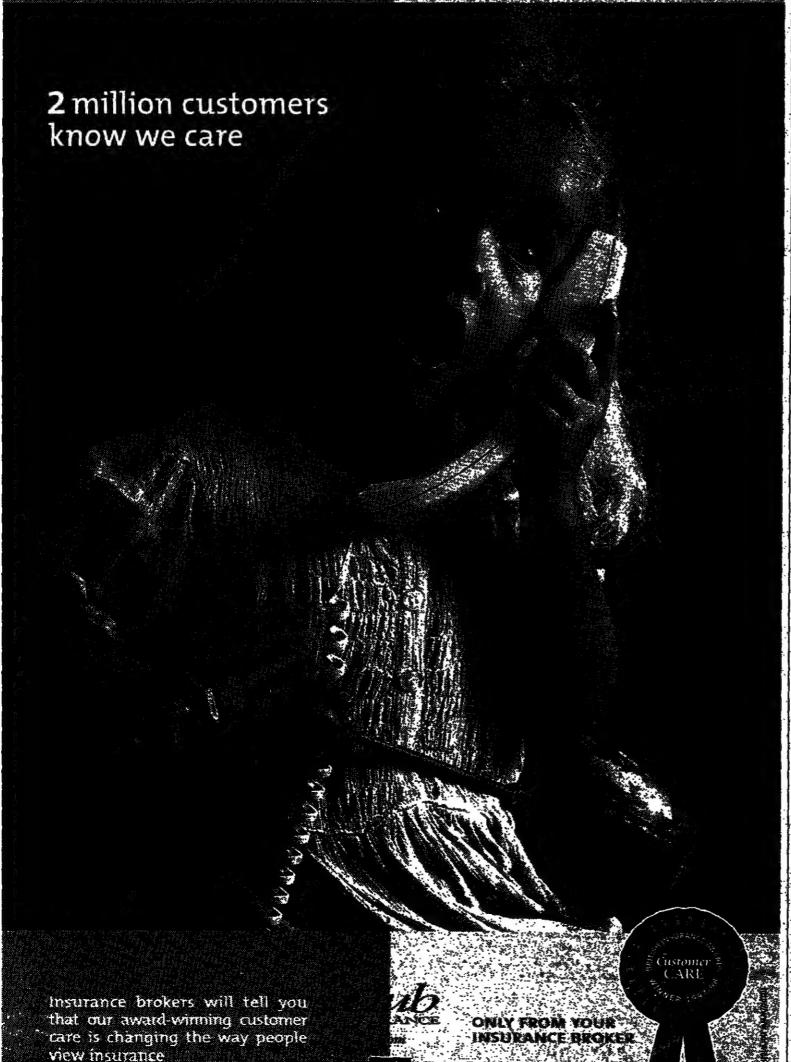
begin rebuilding."

Wood Boys' School, Birmingproblems in inner-city schools by further damaging their reputation and driving parents away," he said.

The progress made by the majority of the 18 schools allowed vesterday's announcement to be one of "naming and The naming and shaming acclaiming according to Stewas also criticised by Roger conton, head of Handsworth sponsible for the initiative. "In

that they were identified galvanised them into action." Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, said the exercise represented a success story. Eifteen more schools were yesterday removed from the list of those needing special measures, bringing to 55 the number that had "turned themselves around" after fail-

money and specialist advice abhorrence and disgust," he



Exam results provide proof of turnaround

By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

DULWICH High School found itself named and shamed" less than a year after its own relaunch when it changed its name and adopted a smart new uniform. The name it discarded, William Penn Comprehensive, had be-come synonymous with failure and infamous as the school that Harriet Harman ised over when she chose a grammar school for her son.

Uncertainty about the future of the southeast London boys' school has not been dispelled by yesterday's re-port, which calls for inspectors to continue closely monitoring its progress. Dulwith High-was classified as failing twoand-a-half years ago and spent £100,000 on its revarup n September last year

After the "naming and shaming amouncement in May the school blamed ministers for tarnishing its new image without giving teachers

school's fortunes. More bad publicity was to follow in July with the trial of a 15-year-old pupil for stabbing another boy in the thigh. The jury cleared him of wounding with intent after hearing that bullying was rife at the school and the teenager acted in self-defence. Lloyd Marshall, the head

necessary and ambeloini. I just wish people would be aware of the contest and give my staff credit for the amazing work they have done." He said that it was not unusual for almost threequarters of li-year-olds to

and shaming was totally un-

arrive at Dulwich High with a reading age below nine, forcing the teachers to concentrate on the basics.

Evidence of the school's improvement has been pro-vided by the pupils them-selves. In this summer's

enough time to transform the GCSE examinations, 22.5 per cent gained five or more A to C passes, compared to 9 per cent the year before, and in September 73 pupils joined Dulwich High compared to 45 the previous year, a sign that local faith in the school.

 The school was assessed by Gus John, former director of education in the east London borough of Hackney, who found it being used as a dumping ground for expelled pupils from all over sough London. He concluded that had a future provided pupils numbers did not fall further and that teaching and discipline were addressed.

Southwark council said: "There have been some improvements at the school but there are continued concerns about behaviour, attendance and the quality of teaching. Further evaluation is now being considered."

Finishing school in a class of its own

BY ALAN HAMILTON

A PEER'S wife and a former Buckingbam Palace butler are to open a school for butlers in Gloucestershire teaching skills ranging from polishing silver to ordering wine on the Internet. Student butters, who can earn between £15,000 and

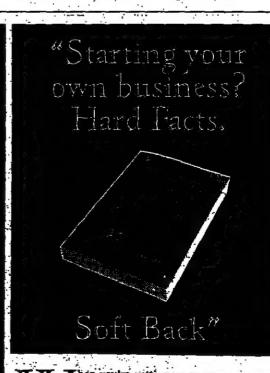
£20,000 a year when fully trained, will have to pay £3,000 for the eight-week course being run by Sara Apaley, 32, a former beauty queen who is married to the son of Earl Rathurst, the heir to a 3,500-acre estate at Circacester. Her business partner is Michael Shaw 28. who worked for four years as

a butler at the Palace.
Lady Apoley said yesterday
that there was a healthy
demand for butlers across a
wide social spectrum. But
lers are not a status symbol. They are a necessity if you have a certain lifestyle, such as a professional couple, who are constantly travelling and need someone to keep things in order back bome."

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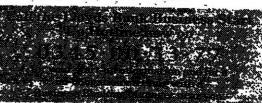
converted barn at Cirencester Park, where the Prince of Wales used to play polo, will be taught how to wait at table, decant wine, book holidays and order theatre tickets, as well as being made comput-

Lady Appley said the quali-ty which made a good butter was the desire to look after people. And, she might have added, the ability to lay hands on a ticket for England



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5,000-year-old temple start of British habit'

SARCHAEOLOGISTS have il discovered traces of a huge and elaborate wooden temple dating back 5,000 years. Evidence shows that it was once one of the most important ceremonial sites in England. comparable in significance to

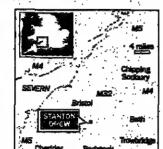
pillars once stood on the site at Stanton Drew in Somerset, surrounded by an enormous ditch. Each upright would have been up to a metre across v. and probably stood eight metres above the ground. All that i can be seen today is a later stone circle. Such wooden henges are unique to Britain, and this one is twice as large was any of the other seven

The traces were found by archaeologists from English Heritage while they were carodusing instruments that can c detect small magnetic anoma-

diging the surface.

If To our surprise and delight what emerged was a timber temple of about 3000 BC." said Geoffrey Wainwright, chief archaeologist at English in Heritage. There is now no in timber left — it would have discayed long ago. But the disturbance of the soil when the pits were dug to take the

-uprights shows clearly."
Andrew David, head of archaeometry at English



and 500 oak uprights making up the nine rings. Each would have weighed five tons or so, nearly as much as the stones

Some wooden henges had a roof, but Dr Wainwright said Stanton Drew was far too large to roof over. He sees it as a local centre where people would come to ask the super-

healthy herds of animals. "By this period, a social structure was developing. with distinct tribal areas. The temples were focal points for these tribes, where they gath-ered and held feasts. Other wooden henges contain masses of pig bones, along with decorated fragments of pot-

tery. It looks as if the people

deliberately broke the pots

and scattered them around."

At the time, the population of Britain may have been as great as one million, according to Dr Wainwright. "It's a great mistake to think the people who built this place were rude, untutored, starving individuals. They were very sophisticated with successful agriculture and made beautiful items such as carved stone

the hidden rings makes use of the fact that any disturbance of soil tends to affect its magnetism. Until a few years ago, magnetometers sensitive enough to detect the anoma-

carries geometrical patterns and spiral motifs. The patof having been orientated with any astronomical purpose in mind. Nor is it known whethterns are quite stylised and relate to tribal territories, we er the uprights were carved or decorated, although Dr Wainbelieve. It would be very wright believes that they were. surprising if these motifs were not replicated on the timber A complete excavation of the

might have been like that on

man of English Heritage, said that Britain was apparently the only place in the ancient world where these extraordinary temples were built. power by building these great rings, just as we are cele ing the Millennium by build-

ing a huge dome. This is clearly a very British habit.

and it is 5,000 years old."

site is not planned, as it would

be unlikely to provide much

more information than the magnetic survey. A small dig may be conducted to confirm

that the rings are indeed the

remains of post holes, al-

Bride eager to dance had Devil to pay

THE ancient mysteries of Stanton Drew are no secret to the landlord of the Druid's Arms. John Newcombe has three of the standing stones in his beer garden, the largest 12ft high.
"The local legend is that

they were the guests at a wedding party who were turned to stone," he said. "The ones in my back garden are the bride, bridegroom and best man."

Every midsummer's eve, he says, a small group of strangely dressed people arrive to dance around the stones. "I don't know who they are but they aren't druids," he said. "They wear little capes and hats and carry things like Devit's forks.

"As long as they don't scare away my regulars I don't care what they get up to. They have these little candles like night-lights ed I so out in the morning to clear them away but they never make any other

an and member of Channel 4's Time Team, Stanton Drew means "Drew's town near the stones" and is

mentioned in the Domes-

day Book. One of the stones has a hole in it and was once much larger. Mr Bush said: "It was called Hautville's Quoit, after a medieval lord, Sir John

a church near by. The local legend was that he had thrown it there. It once stood in the middle of the road but over the years has been chipped away at, partly to get stone to put on the road itself."

The stones at Stanton the third most important prehistoric monument in Wessex after Stonehenge and Avebury. The 17th-century antiquary John Aubrey recorded the legend of the wedding party in 1664.

According to Aubrey, the midnight to avoid playing on the Sabbath and the bride announced that she another fiddler". Another appeared and revealed himself as the Devil and turned the assembled

throng to stone. No one believes that story any longer. Except, of course, on midsammer's

lies at Stanton Drew did not "It is very hard to think of a exist. The existence of the post structure like this with nine holes could have been found concentric circles not being by conventional digging, but carved in some way." he said. the site has not been dug in He suspects that the carving

BUILDERS OF THE OAK TREE MARVEL BEAT GREAT PYRAMID BY FOUR CENTURIES

wooden henge at Stanton Drew was built. The building of the henge dates from about 3000 BC, while Cheops did not build the pyra-mid until 2590 BC. The near-contemporaries, of those who invented the known in the Middle East, but not in Britain. Writing had just been invented in existed, but like the temple Stanton Drew it was

the sail in Egypt, both in The henge was built in metres deep were dug, and ramps arranged aloneside them. The oak pillars were upright. The wooden ges would have lasted for 300 to 400 years before

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Blunkett launches skills taskforce

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

DAVID BLUNKETT, the education and employment secretary, yesterday launched a taskforce that will harness government unions to tackle skill short-

ages in employment.

Mr Blunkett said that £150,000 would be spent on forging better vocational links between industry and universities and there would be steps to make school leavers better prepared for work.

The move follows grow ing concern over skill shortages among workers in a variety of industries.

John Cridland, the CBI's head of human resources, said: "Skill shortages are certainly increasing as unemployment continues to fall. In the past this has led to constraints on business growth and to wage inflation. It is important, therefore, to avoid such constraints over the coming months."

Hague warns of EMU risk to millions of jobs

WILLIAM HAGUE launched a. robust attack on plans for monetary union yesterday, warning that millions of jobs could be lost if Britain joined.

The Tory leader used his speech at the Confederation of British Industy (CBI) confer-ence to spell out what he said were the dangers of early entry into a European single currency and to justify his party's decision to rule out supporting British member-ship for ten years.

The address, in stark contrast to Gordon Brown's dose of Euro-enthusiasm two hours earlier, portraved a nightmare scenario similar to the debacle of Britain's exit from the exchange-rate mechanism (ERM) in 1992. Millions of people up and down the country. Mr Hague said, then paid the highest price of all in lost jobs, repossessed homes and bankrupt small businesses. The same could happen now, he suggested. "Getting something like this wrong is not just an academic error or an argument at conference. It affects the jobs of millions.

Businesses are told they could be trapped in a burning building with

no exits. Jill Sherman reports

turies and it does not bear

close scrutiny."

But in a veiled reference to

trouble makers in his own

party, such as Michael Heseltine and Kenneth Clarke, he said he intended to

ensure that the debate stopped

being an argument about

personalities, about who was

on what side, "and start becoming an argument about what the actual issues are".

Mr Hague based his argu-

ment on the economic rather

than political consequences of EMU. Targeting the ex-change rate means prices and

labour costs must be able to go

down as well as up. To begin with, it looks easy. The

stockmarket booms. Property

companies make a fortune.

The high street is packed. But

the Government cannot raise

currency is for all time. British business could find itself trapped in a burning building

Tomorrow Mr Hague faces a showdown with his own party over the ratification of the Amsterdam Treaty, which he will insist on opposing with

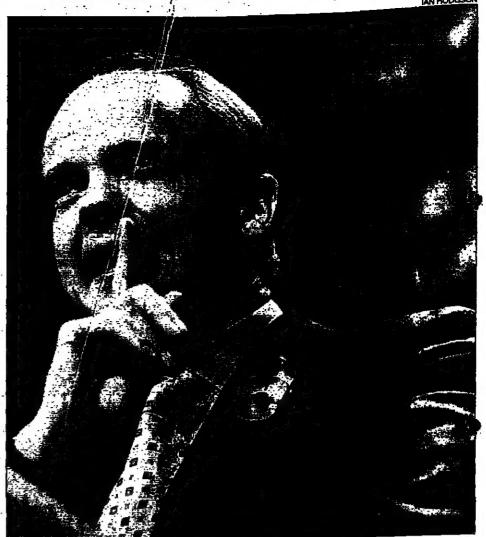
a three-line whip.
Yesterday, in a speech
which earned him a surprisingly warm reception, he made clear that he was determined to stick to the tough position on EMU agreed with the Shadow Cabinet three weeks ago. The truth is that the supporters of British memtend to fall back on one central argument that overshadows all otghers. They say: 'It's going to happen and that we can't possibly be left out.' It is the argument used by every

It would mean asking people to take a cut in wages ration tax. "If the nightmare of our experience in the ERM teaches us anything it is not to steer by the siren voices of a supposed consensus, but to exercise the independent judgment of a cool head."

The single currency carried fundamental risks, he said. "For this reason the Conservative Party believes it is a mistake to commit this country in principle to joining a single currency. We oppose Britain joining a single currency during the lifetime of this Parliament and we intend to campaign against British. membership of the single currency at the next election."

It was a clear, unambiguous position, he said. "It is also a pragmatic position based on what we believe to be in the vital interests of British companies and the British people."

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William Hague, who was given a surprisingly warm reception by the CBI yesterday

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Brown plans to encourage early use of the euro

By Jill Sherman, chief political correspondent

THE Government is to bring help British business to use the single currency from its launch in 1999. Encouraging companies to use the euro well before Britain joins monetary union will be seen by Eurosceptics as EMU entry by the back door.

Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, disclosed yesterday that he is considering new laws to make it easier for companies to issue shares in euros. Firms will also be able to hold euro bank accounts and pay taxes in the currency from 1999. While Treasury axies de-nied that the etim would be shadowing the gound, the Chancellor went much further

than his statement to the Commons two weeks ago, when he underlined the need to prepare for the euro. He made a pro-European speech designed to reassure the CBI that business need not lose out from Britain's decision to de-

The Chancellor has been criticised by some businesses for ruling out Britain's entry into economic monetary union before the next election. But vesterday he he disclosed that the committee preparing for the changeover to the euro will

consider amending the Con panies Act to make it easier for British firms to issue shares in euros and to convert existing shares into euros.

Following the advisory group's advice, we will look at any other legislative steps the Government should take to make the euro easier for firms to use," Mr Brown said.

From 1999, the British banking system would be able to process payments in euros. easier and cheaper for banks to offer euro services to their

UK customers," he said.
The Government would slsp work with banks to introduce an official "seal of approval "so that firms and individuals could ident banks which offered reliable information about the euro. and allow customers to bank in euros without paying high

charges".
Ministers would also work with accountancy firms, trade associations and others to provided with consistent information. Mr Brown announced that he had sent an information pack to the top 1000 British firms with details of business preparations for

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Businessmen in single currency showdown Critics round on enthusiasts

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By PHILIP BASSETT AND JAMES LANDALE

BUSINESS leaders clashed yesterday on whether Britain should join the European single currency.

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Bardays Bank warned the Confederation of British Industry's annual conference in Birmingham that Britain's participation would cut wages and jobs, while BMW said that to stay out would jeopardise future inward

Sir Stanley Kalms, chairman of Dixons, attacked the single currency and accused the CBI of being in no position to speak for British business on the matter. He said that joining economic and monetary union would be the ultimate leap in the dark

Sir Stanley, who yesterday led a group of businessmen writing to The Times to criticise the CBI for its declared support for the single curren-cy, said that the "CBI hierarthy was unrepresentative. He condemned the membership polling on EMU, saying: "I reject outright its method-

ology and conclusions."

He went on: "The CBI leadership has claimed the high ground in the argument to join EMU but it has falled courage eal to join EMU but it has failed to present the full picture. All we have is the golden scenario. The pro arguments are applauded, the cons are minimised, the debate is rarefied. On this subject the CBI has not earned the right to speak for British business. We are not at

Sir Stanley said that the single currency represented a huge stride towards a federal superstate. Increased regulation would impose further burdens on business, and EMU would hold back plans to enlarge the EU. "Under the present ill-thought-out criteria. the whole project may well prove unworkable. The single mate leap in the dark." 'Calling on business to "re-

sist the pressure to join the not merely because it is slightfederalist bandwagon", he said that a single currency would be irreversible irrevocable and irretrievable."

Martin Taylor, chief executive of Barclays Bank, said that the single currency would lead to wage cuts and higher unemployment because without the buffer of exchange-rate fluctuations only labour mar-kets would be able to take the consequences of economic adjustments. Insisting that he was not a Eurosceptic, he said: have been a Europhile all my life. But I am an EMUsceptic. The most important thing is that EMU must not fail. It must be a success. It's a wonderful project, but it has

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fundamental flaws at the moment and needs tremendous reforms to make it work." The fundamental difficulty was that while a single currency was obviously attractive, the single monetary policy it implied was harder to underwas obviously attractive, stand and potentially damaging. Britain faced making one of two mistakes — dragging its

feet and falling behind the European endeavour, as it had done before, or linking sterling to the Mark, which had been a "complete disaster" twice in the past 12 The CBI's own record on exchange-rate advice had been "Ismentable", and of the single currency he said: "We

our clear interest to do so -

federal taxation system. In his CBI presidential speech, Sir Colin Marshall. the British Airways chairman, said that the CBI and the Government now stood "more or less shoulder-to-shoulder on the EMU question". He

Mr Taylor said it was clear

that only political integration

coold make monetary union

work. It would require an

increase in the EU budget and

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said he was disappointed at some critics of the CBI's position on monetary union. What I object to is purposefully distorted argument which claims that the CBI is not truly representative of British business, as a whole, but merely serves the purpose of the major corporations and multinationals." He dismissed as ludicrous the suggestion that the CBI was motivated by political bias. Niall FitzGerald, Unilever

chairman, said that Britain

was in danger of falling into the same trap on EMU as it had done with the creation of the Common Market. Attacking the "superior, sceptical detachment" that had dominated British thinking on Europe for 50 years, he said: Too many people in Britain have spent the last few years deluding themselves. Some hoping that, if we all shut our eyes tightly enough, the single currency would somehow go away. Others arrogantly assuming that, if Britain didn't like the idea, it just wouldn't

Thankfully, we are rapidly being shaken out of our com-fortable, illusions. Monetary union is going to happen, on time, and with a majority and maybe the vast majority. of EU countries as

Monetary union would bring the benefits of open



Wim Duisenberg of the European Monetary Institute, and (top right) Bernd Pischetsrieder of BMW encouraged Britain to join, but Sir Stanley Kalms of Dixons (centre right) and Martin Taylor of Barclays sounded strong warnings

the euro."

competition, price transparency, keep inflation low, create a larger and more liquid capital market and be a vital step in building European competitiveness on a global scale.

He hit back at critics of the CBI such as William Hague and Sir Stanley, dismissing talk of "federal superstates, leaps in the dark and lemmings" as colourful hyperbole, and asking business to look at the hard facts of the economic argument about

Bernd Pischetsrieder, chairman of BMW, which owns Rover, said that Britain's failure to take part in EMU might threaten investment from overseas. The existing investment will be secure. But any new inward investment from us and other companies is at risk."

Urging Britain to join, he made it clear that from January I, 1999, BMW would start operating in curos, offering its trading partners the opportunity to do business in the currency. From 2002 BMW would operate in curos alone.

EMU would be a "big bang" for Britain, he conceded, but he added: "It could be a big crash, rather than a big bang,

if Britain joins too late." Wim Dulsenberg, presilight, it was "essential" that dent of the European Mone-UK economic policies remained aimed at further ecotary Institute, welcomed the Government's support for nomic convergance in Europe. EMU in principle, but said: "It Digby Jones, senior partner

at Edge and Ellison and viceis unfortunate that such an important country as the Unichairman of the West Midted Kingdom will not be lands CBI, called for any among the founding fathers of decision on EMU to be made in the interests of business. "I hope that for once we don't do While the single currency debate in Britain often focused usuai very British thing on "pyschological and political and kick and scream at the sidelines and then when it is aspects such as the so-called transfer of sovereignty", he said the Chancellor was right suitable for everyone in the world but the British, in we

man of the Avon CBI expressed caution. "Do we really want to hitch our wages to one of the slowest economies in the world? Let's see if Europe makes a success of the euro and then let's see if we should join. Let's trade with the rest of the world and Europe but let's not share the same bank

Anthony Cowgill, director of British Management Data Foundation, said: The CBI has been wrong regularly on all major issues which have faced this country in recent yearrs and it is wrong again now. The basic figures of the CBI survey don't reflect the serious concerns felt by many and are seriously misleading." The CBI, he said, was letting the economic argument for uncertainty. The gut feeling of the country against giving up our democratic control of the country is right and should be supported," he said.

Colin Perry, chairman of LTE Scientific Ltd, and vicechairman of the CBI's small businesses council, said: "The overwhelming opinion of small and medium sized businesses is to join EMU at the earliest practical date."

Jeremy Woolridge, managing director of BE Wedge Holdings Ltd, said he opposed Britain's membership of EMU, "Personally I would rather accept the view of the on record of being against a single currency. At least they weren't wrong on joining the

David Lovatt, chairman of Acme Marls Ltd, told Gordon Brown that his company was being damaged by the strength of sterling. "We are on a rollercoaster to EMU and I have to accept it. I would prefer us not to wait for 4 or 5 years before joining but to go in in the first band. I believe if we don't do that, we are going to find our pound will be highly valued and that damages me and my company."

Bill Good, managing director of Sterling Tubes, said that the Chancellor had a responsibility to prevent British industry feeling the "pain" from an overvalued pound: "We are being seriously undermined by the high level of the

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The Louise Woodward judgment

A full text of Judge Hiller Zobel's

16-page ruling, based on his

"intensive, cool, calm reflection",

which was sent to worldwide news

agencies and posted on the Internet

THE law, John Adams told a Massachusetts jury while defending British citizens on trial for murder, is inflexible, inexorable, and deaf: inexorable to the cries of the defendant; "deaf as an adder to the clamours of the populace". His words ring true, 227 years later.

Elected officials may consider popular urging and sway to public opinion polls. Judges must follow their oaths and do their duty, heedless of editorials, letters, telegrams, picketers, threats, petitions, panellists and talk shows. In this country, we do not administer justice by plebiscite.

A judge, in short, is a public servant who must follow his conscience, whether or not he counters. the manifest wishes of those he serves; whether or not his decision seems a surrender to the prevalent

1. Pertinent evidence

Reduced to its appropriately bare essentials, this case turns on diametrically opposed theories of ultimate causation. Both sides agreed that Matthew Eappen died from massive intra-cranial bleeding. The prosecution's expents attributed the haemorrhage to a combination of extraordinarily violent shaking and overpowering contact with a hard flat surface, all occurring some time on February 4, 1997; the defence experts ascribed the haemorrhage to a "re-bleed" in a clot formed about three weeks earlier following a hitherto undetected

injury.
The Government buttressed the scientific evidence with testimony that the baby had been normal earlier in the day; that defendant had been the only adult in his presence throughout; and that she had admitted to police that she had been "a little rough" with him when putting him on a bed, bathing him, and placing him on

the bathroom floor. The defence relied for rejainder entirely on the testimony of defendant herself, who denied handling the child in an inappropriately vigorous manner, although she admitted that perhaps she had "not been as gentle as I might have been" with Matthew.

Thus stripped of the jargon-filled overlay with which both sides filled the record, the issue for the jury's determination was simply: Did the Government prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Matthew Eappen died because defendant shook him and battered him against an unyielding object? Put another way: Did the defence evidence create a reasonable doubt that the death resulted from some other cause?

2. Motion for a required finding

of not guilty It is essential to understand that at no time was Defendant obliged to prove anything. The jurors were never required to choose between competing explanations. If the Government's theory failed to win them over, beyond a reasonable doubt, their inquiry was completed the defence's inability (if inability it was) to explain Matthew's injuries and their cause would make no

difference.

The law never, in any way. demanded of Defendant that she provide a jury-satisfying answer to any question, whether medical (how old was the fatal haemorthage?) or physical (what had Defendant done to Matthew?). Thus a verdict of guilty could not properly result from the jury's merely rejecting the defence's physiological explanation as inadequate or Defendant's version of the events as implausible.

The jury could return a guilty verdict only if, in addition to an adverse assessment of the defence position, the jurors concluded, on all the evidence, that the prosecution's version was true, beyond a reasonable doubt.

To escape reasonable doubt in the present case, a jury would have to disbelieve all the evidence contradicing the Government's hypothesis. The jury would have to discredit, that is, refuse to accept, the combined conclusions of the defence witnesses.

Given the strength of the defence evidence, could the jury lawfully reject it? Most certainly. As judges always tell juries — as this judge told this jury —evidence is evidence if the jurors believe it; what they choose not to believe is not evi-

Although application of this principle would mean that the jury spurned, as not worthy of belief. professional opinions emanating from a corps of highly-qualified. authoritative experts, such dismissal is unquestionably within the jury's province.

Now for purposes of deciding Defendant's motion for a required finding of not guilty, the law requires our assuming that the jury did indeed discard every scrap of evidence (restimonial or visual, direct or circumstantial) tending to cast doubt on the prosecution's events, but whether or not Defen-

theory. Measuring the evidence by this strict standard, my duty inescapably mandates my denying the motion in its entirety,

Whatever my own views of the evidence might or might not be. I cannot, in deciding this motion, place any of them upon the scales.

3. Motion for a new trial A judge may not grant a new trial merely because had he been the fact-finder, the case would have come out differently. In stating this truism, of course I do not suggest

any disagreement with the verdict as delivered. In any event, the offence charged did not allow a test of the hypothesis, since the defendant in an indictment for firstdegree murder cannot elect a jury-

The verdict, it seems to me, was not against the weight of the evidence. In reaching this conclusion, I have considered each of Defendant's specific contentions:

a. The Government certainly should have discovered the socalled "skull-fracture photographs" earlier and given them to the defence well before the start of trial. The late disclosure, although inexcusable, did not prevent effective presentation of the evidence and its significance; that is the legal test. In this connection, it is worth noting that because the court denied the Commonwealth's proffer of rebuttal evidence, the recalled defence witness, Dr Michael Baden, offered the last word on the photographs and the conclusions to be drawn from them. Moreover, the defence was afforded ample opporturity to exploit the entire matter in closing argument.

have demonstrated soft tissue swelling was a matter on which the experts disagreed; that does not equate with the right to a new trial. c. The "serum" evidence does not mandate a new trial. Absence of a contemporaneous transcript of Dr Jan Leesima's testimony - a normal occurrence in the Massachusetts Superior Court, and not to be held against the faithful, dedicated court reporter - necessitated either not responding to the jury's request, or interrupting deliberations of a sequestered jury for the time necessary to transcribe the testimony (which had lasted for

b. Whether a recent fracture would

parts of two days). The alternative, preparing a transcript of only selected portions, was not possible here, where counsel could not agree on the selections. Even if they had agreed, the delay would have held the jury idle an unacceptably long time.

Thus in accordance with the normal practice in Superior Court trials, the transcript was not read. Unless one or both of the parties make arrangements for daily transcripts, none is available. Here, defence had caused the transcription of Dr Joseph Madsen's testimony, but not Dr Leestma's. When the jury asked for the former, no reason existed why it should not be read; Defendant, in fact, agreed that the jury should receive it. The lack of a Leestma transcript was. from the defence standpoint,

However, here again, nothing prevented counsel, in final argument, from putting to the jurors his own recollection and urging them to draw the appropriate

d. Dr Leestma's neuropathology findings came before the jury in full, illustrated detail. Absence of the dura was disputed at trial; the jury was entitled to believe that nothing substantial was gone. In this, the court's previous contrary findings, made in a different pro-ceeding and context, do not control. e. Dr Alisa Gean's testimony may have tended to prove the age of the haematoma; it did not, as Defendant argues, prove the point.

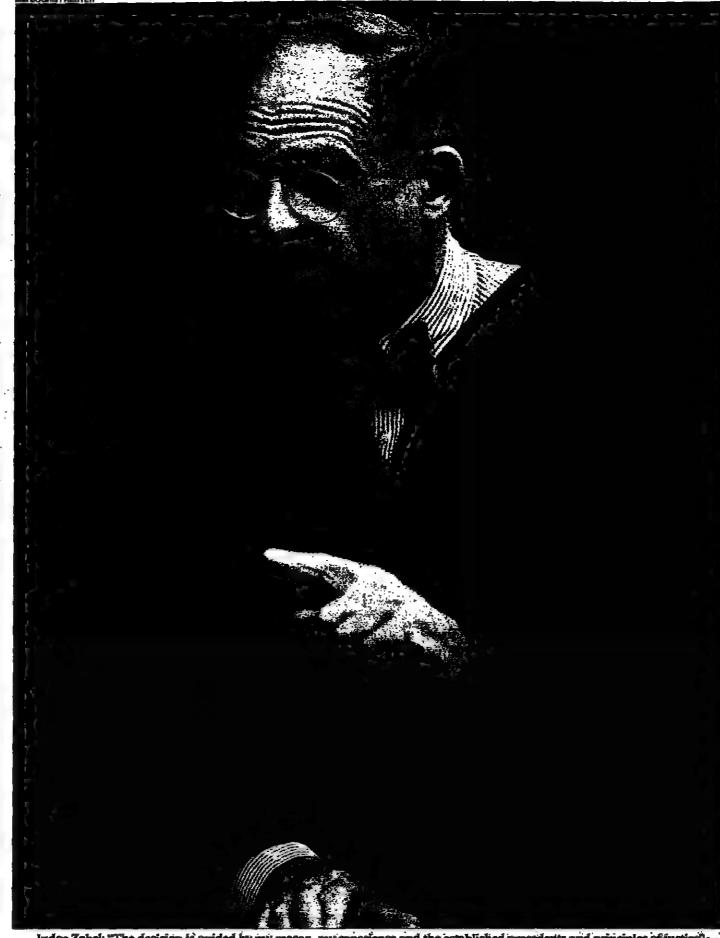
f. Similarly, the ophthalmological evidence as to the state of the

standpoint) inconclusive. g. Contrary to Defendant's contentions, the court plainly told the jury to confine its inquiry to the events of February 4 and told the jury that the Commonwealth was obliged to prove that Defendant acted intentionally (albeit that she lacked intent to kill). It is settled law that under the

retinas is at best (from the defence

definition of "malice" which the Commonwealth pursued here, a person can be guilty of seconddegree murder even absent an intent to kill or even an intent to harm, so long as the Commonwealth proves: (a) an intentional act (b) which in circumtances known to the defendant (c) created what a reasonably prudent person would have known was (according to common experience) a plain and strong likelihood that death would

h. Defendant incorrectly states that criminal liability for homicide depends on proof that brain death preceded withdrawal of life support. The test in this Commonwealth is not the order of the



Judge Zobel: "The decision is guided by my reason, my conscience and the established precedents and principles of justice"

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dant's act was the direct cause of tion consistently urged first-degree Matthew Eappen's death. On that, murder, and the medical evidence the Court's instructions to the jury here permitted that stance. were explicit.

I. The test for malice fin the circumstances here) is whether, under the circumstances known to Defendant, a reasonable person would have known that her intentional act created a substantial risk of death to Matthew Eappen.

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This test has long been the rule in Massachusetts. As Chief Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes noted almost a century ago, "it is possible to commit murder without any actual intent to kill or to do grievous bodily harm". The only intent the Government need prove is the intent to perform the act, not any particular intent as to the act's consequences. The effect of pre-trial publicity on

the jurors was the subject of a searching, prophylactic empanelment procedure, complete with special questionnaires and individ-ual interrogation of prospective jurors. All the jurors seated satisfied the court and counsel that neither the publicity nor any other cause had affected their individual ability to decide the case entirely on the evidence. The publicity gives no cause for a new trial. k. The evidence in this case

sufficed, however thinly, to support an indictment alleging extreme cruelty and arrocity. Whether obtaining the indictment in that form was wise or compassionate is not for the court to say at this time. Unlike Commonwealth v. Gagliardi, where the prosecutor, during the trial, conceded a lack of evidence to support a conviction for

l. The government's closing argument was tough, but eminently fair. Indeed, throughout the trial the prosecution team - like the defence -- acted in accordance with the highest professional standards. A judge may grant a new trial for any . . . reason that justice may require", which blends with rule 25(b)(2), see Reporter's Notes. Under all the circumstances, I do not think that justice requires a new trial

4. Motion to Reduce Verdict Even though the court declines to allow a new trial, a very serious issue remains as to the justice of the second-degree murder verdict the trial produced. The inquiry here is quite different from what has gone

In seeking a directed acquittal or a new trial, Defendant argued that the evidence as to causation so strongly raised a reasonable doubt as to liability for Matthew Eappen's death that the conviction could not stand. Now Defendant urges a reduced assessment of her culpability, relying upon Massa-chusetts Rule of Criminal Procedure 25(b)(2): "If a verdict of guilty is returned, the judge may on motion ... order the entry of a finding of guilty of any offence included in the offence charged in

the indicement." The test here is no longer narrowly legal. The judge, formerly only an umpire enforcing the rules, now must determine whething the level of guilt from murder to stantial likelihood that a miscarmanslaughter (or even to battery). The facts, as well as the law, are open to consideration.

In deciding this issue, the judge must, above all, use the power sparingly, and with restraint, taking care not to act arbitrarily or unreasonably. The judge does not sit as a second jury or even as a thirteenth juror, he should not second-guess the jury. Nonetheless, he is entitled to consider testimony that the jury may have disbelieved, ; including such of Defendant's own testimony as he finds credible. . . Because Rule 25(b)(2) is a kind of

safety valve, a means of rectifying disproportionate verdicts, the test is not whether the evidence could support a verdict of second-degree murder, but whether a lesser verdict more comports with justice. After considering the law and the evidence of the whole case "broad-ly", to determine whether "there was any miscarriage of justice". the judge's duty requires: weighing the fundamental fairness of the result"; deciding whether a reduced verdict would be more consonant with justice and determining whether justice "will be more nearly achieved" by a reduction. rather than by allowing the jury's verdict to stand. In short, the court may reduce the level of the conviction. for any reason that justice may require. This in turn means that the judge must decide whether failing to reduce the verdict raises a substantial risk that justice has

miscarried. The scope of review may be even evidence to support a conviction for first-degree murder, the prosecution for of this case, justice requires lower-

riage of justice has occurred. Rule 25(b)(2) applies ameliorative justice on a case-by-case basis. Its use -designedly rare - thus does not erode established criminal-law

principles. The court may not, however, take into account the feelings of those the death has affected; the judge must focus entirely on the events of the trial. Thus although as a father and grandfather 1 particularly recognize and acknowledge the indescribable pain Matthew Eap-pen's death has caused his parents and grandparents, as a judge I am duty-bound to ignore it. I must look only at the evidence and the

Defendant. Having considered the matter carefully, I am firmly convinced that the interests of justice — as Rule 25(b)(2) and the cases construing it have defined them - mandate my reducing the verdict to manslaughter. I do this in accordance with my discretion and my

duty.
Viewing the evidence broadly, as I am permitted to do, I believe that the circumstances in which Defendant acted were characterised by confusion, inexperience, frustration, immaturity and some anger, but not malice (in the legal sense) supporting a conviction for seconddegree murder. Frustrated by her inability to quiet the crying child, she was "a little rough with him". under circumstances where there to receive her sentence on the another, perhaps wiser, person verdict as reduced, would have sought to restrain the physical impulse. The roughness was sufficient to start for re-start) a bleeding that escalated fatally. bleeding that escalated fatally.

Superior Court
This sad scenario is, in my November 10, 1997

judgment after having heard all the evidence and considered the interests of justice, most fairly characterised as manslaughter, not mandatory-life sentence murder. I view the evidence as disclosing confusion, fright and bad judgment, rather than rage or malice. One further point requires atten-

tion. Defence counsel vigorously urged, and the Government with equal vigor opposed, my denying the jury an opportunity to consider the verdict of manslaughter, a decision which I based on Com-monwealth v. Pagan (1990).

Today the positions are reversed. The defence seeks a reduction to manslaughter; the Government decries allowing Defendant a second opportunity. Had the manslaughter option been available to the jurors, they might well have selected it, not out of compromise, but because that particular verdict accorded with at least one rational view of the evidence, namely: (1) Matthew did indeed have a pre-

existing, resolving (ie, healing) blood clot; (2) Defendant did handle him

"roughly"; 3) the handling (although perhaps not the roughness) was intentional; (4) the force was, under the circumstances, excessive, and therefore

uniustified: (5) the handling did cause rebleeding; and

(6) the re-bleeding caused death. If the jury determined that those were the facts, the combination would amount to an unjustified, intentional, unconsented to touching (ie, a battery) which resulted in

Manslaughter is simply a fatal battery. Defendant's lack of intent to cause death or even injury would have been, legally speaking, irrelevant, as would Defendant's lack of knowledge about Matthew's preexisting condition.

The principle is simple: If you apply, force to another person's body, you take the risk that (unknown to you) your blow, which an ordinary person could physically tolerate, may kill the individual you strike. The victim's hidden physical weakness does not exonerate the perpetrator.

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No one of course doubts that had the court denied Defendant's request, and had the jury convicted of manslaughter, defence counsel would be arguing that the jurors had unfairly compromised. It seems, then, at first glance unfair that Defendant should be able to escape the consequences of a decision by her experienced lawvers which she personally and publicly

approved. In fact, it is not unfair, I do not criticise counsel's advice and Defendants adopting it. Given the state of the evidence, it was a rational, appropriate position. Had it succeeded, the defence would be hailed for courage and foresight.

· Should Defendant now be permitted to second-guess herself and her lawyers? If one regards the trial of a criminal case as a high-stakes game of chance where losers must accept their losses, the answer is, certainly not.

Massachusetts, however, never has and does not now view Justice as a handmaiden to Tyche, the goddess of good fortune. Of course, chance plays a part in

litigation, as it does in every aspect of life. A court, nonetheless, is not a no. The only institutionalised lu..... a courtroom is the random. selection of the jury venire at the beginning of trial and the random choice of alternate jurors at the end...

Rule 25(b)(2) requires a judge to view the entire case with a clear and steady eye. The search is not for justice, but rather for that rare collection of circumstances, the grave failure of justice. If leaving the verdict untouched would preserve a miscarriage of justice, Rule 25(b)(2) makes the judge's dury clear. He must determine the existence of the miscarriage, not its

After intensive, cool, calm reflection, I am morally certain that allowing this defendant on this evidence to remain convicted of second-degree murder would be a miscarriage of justice.

One final word. All of us - the prosecution, the defence, the court, and the public - owe deep gratitude to the jury here, deliberating jurors and alternates alike, who gave of their time and effort and, in the aftermath, their privacy. Neither they nor anyone else should interpret today's decision as in any way a criticism of them. The decision rests, as it should, entirely on my determination, guided by my reason, my conscience, and the established precedents and principles, that the interests of justice are best served here by my exercising my informed discretion and lowering the degree of guilt attributable

It is ordered that the sentence imposed herein, October 31, 1997, be, and the same hereby is, vacated; and it is further ordered that the verdict of "guilty, murder in the second degree", returned October 30, 1997, be, and the same hereby is, reduced to "guilty, involuntary mansfaughter", and it is further ordered that Defendant be brought before this court Monday, November 10, 1997, then and

Associate Justice

Childcare

bills drive

mothers

to give up

their jobs

BUSINESSES are losing staff

and money because British

childcare is the dearest in

Europe, a report says today.

More than a third of women

who gave up a job after a baby said they did so to avoid crippling childcare bills, says

the Daycare Trust. The typical

cost to employers of an em-

Families often had to spend

more on childcare than food

and housing, the report says.
A family with a pre-school

child and another needing

care after school and during

holidays spent nearly £6,000 a year on childcare, compared

with £4,000 to house and feed

A single parent with a two-

year-old spent 28 per cent of earnings on daycare in Brit-

ain, 12 per cent in The Neth-

erlands, 7 per cent in Sweden

Employers, local authorities

and central government paid less than 10 per cent of

Britain's childcare bill be-

tween them and there was one

registered place for every nine children under eight years.

Elsewhere in Europe, the stare

and employers were much

more generous. The Govern-

ment is expected to announce

a national childcare strategy

early next year. Colene Kelleher, director of

the trust, said: "Every time a

highly-trained member of staff

quits to look after kids, a company loses out." J. Sainsbury budgets £5,000 to replace

a section manager and

£10,000 to replace a store

manager, the report says.

Midland Bank has cut the 70

per cent of women who left in

1988 after maternity leave by

providing 900 nursery places. Ms Kelleher said that tax

should not be charged on

nursery vouchers given by small businesses. They can't

be expected to run a nursery

for two children, but could

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> BY IAN MURRAY MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

A DRUG that reduces high cholesterol levels is better than only dieting but scientists do not un-derstand why. The answer may be nothing to do with lowered cholesterol.

Researchers at Glasgow University have found that patients who took the drug Lipostat had 36 per cent fewer heart attacks than those solely on a controlled diet. Yet the drug reduced cholesterol by only 26 per cent, so the study con-cludes that it must have healthy side-effects.

The conclusions announced at the American Heart Association conference in Orlando, Florida, challenge the wisdom of advising people to control

cholesterol by diet alone.
Chris Packard of the
pathological biochemistry
department at Glasgow, who led the research, said that the drug might work by reducing the stickiness of blood that caused clotting and blocked arteries, or it might strengthen the plaque on the cholesterol that forms inside arteries.

When the plaque ruptures, a large clot forms which blocks the artery and causes a stroke. By toughening the plaque, the drug reduces the risk of beart attacks.

Heart disease costs the NHS £1.6 billion a year, compared with £12 million spent on drugs to reduce cholesterol. The findings suggest that giving the drug to all patients with high levels would be healthier and cheaper.

In Britain 28 per cent of men and 32 per cent of women are considered to be well above safe limits of cholesterol.

Mystery of the Industry attacked drug that over misleading labels on food

BY ROBIN YOUNG

SHOPPERS are being duped by the food industry, according to reports published by a leading retailer and the Con-sumers' Association yesterday. Research commissioned by the Co-op showed that nine out of ten consumers believed that the law prevented misleading claims but many were

hoodwinked by food labels. The Consumers' Association said food labels were so misleading, inaccurate and incomplete that it was virtually impossible to compare products and make an informed choice. The Co-op said it had drawn up an industry code of practice to purge food labels of misleading names, illustrations and claims.

Sheila McKechnie, director of the association, at a press conference in London yesterday, welcomed that as a first step but called on the food industry to adopt a single code and to end anomalies in nutritional, health and ingredient claims on food labels. She said: "I am willing to

support the Co-op code as a first piece of paper on the table but I am not prepared to spend the next three years in bureacratic debate about what are scandalous dishonesties. The message to the food industry is: get on with it." The association cited as a

case of poor labelling the fact that Ovaltine Light low fat chocolate malted drink contained 6.6g of fat, while regu-lar Ovaltine contained only 2g; that the Halo Caramel Heaven bar claimed to be 85 per cent fat free when the 15 per cent fat it contained was "a sigificant amount: that Ross cod fishcakes also contain Alaskan pollock, blue whiting, haddock and hake in the small print of the ingredients list; and that Freshbake traditional pasties are not fresh baked because they are frozen and not traditional because they contain monosodium glutomate and hydrolysed vegeta-

ble protein. Food companies said their labelling complied fully with

Bananas appeal against fat of land

By MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

BRITONS are eating more Agriculture, fruit and vegetables, but are yesterday. The still consuming more fat than is good for them, according to the latest official figures. .

The 1996 National Food Survey also shows that bananas are Britain's most popular fresh fruit for the second year running Britons eat about two bananas a week

compared with one apple. "It is good news that people are eating more fruit and vegetables and less fat, but there is still a long way to go,"

Jeff Rooker, the Food Safety

yesterday. The percentage of food energy derived from fat fell slightly to 39.7 per cent. still well above the 35 per cent maximum recommended by

the Department of Health. Fruit consumption rose by 3 per cent and vegetables (other than potatoes) by 4 per cent, according to the survey, which was based on food purchases by 8,000 households.

Expenditure on food and drink consumed at home averaged £16.46 per person per week last year, an increase of 5

regulations. The Co-op's research showed that ninetenths of customers were duped by a product called mince and onions, in which the main ingredient was mechanically recovered chicken. Almost three quarters believed haddock fillets would mean single fish fillets. In fact, the product consisted of cuts from compressed blocks of fish.

Four-fifths of the customers surveyed were misled by photographs on the pack into thinking that a steak pie contained much more meat than it did, while two-thirds were taken in by claims such as "90 per cent fat free", when in fact 10 per cent was well above government guidelines for a "low far" claim.

A Co-op report, The Lie of the Label, says that, as regards fish, there is no stan-dard definition for the terms "fillet" or "steak". It says that France companies are

obliged to tell customers the proportions of key ingredients. Some companies selling products in the United Kingdom and France have two ingredient lists, one in French disclosing the percentages, while another, in English, withholds them.

The word "traditional" is widely abused, the report suggests, and names created to promote the product can dominate the packaging while the legal name, which actually tells customers what they are getting, may be in small print and sometimes on the back. Pack designs, photographs

and words can give a mislead-ing impression of the product by using small plates or retouching photographs. The report warns against "weasel words" such as "traditional" "natural", "premium" and "wholesome" which, it says, sound good but mean little. The Co-op had seven group discussions and 1,144 inter-

viewees (NOP).



Fiona Harnwell wants compensation for her son Philip's "unplanned birth"

Boots sued over wrong Pill

A MOTHER is suing her local chemist for £10,380 compensation, claiming she conceived her second child

after being given the wrong contraceptive pill. Fiona Harnwell claims her son Philip, born 212 years ago, was a surprise. She and her pariner, Roger Burton, a builder, had planned to wait until their

daughter, Sarah, was settled in at school near their home in Ross-on-Wye, Hereford and Worester, before having another child.

When she became pregaant she took her packet of pills to her GP. "It was the right packet but the wrong type of Pill inside it. I was shocked at first but we have a

However, his arrival did upset our plans."

A spokeswoman for the chemist Boots said: "We have accepted that a dispensing error was made and the wrong contraceptive was supplied to her. But we have advised her

solicitors that we dispute that this caused her pregnancy."

A sophisticated diesel should be serene and not heard.

NEWS IN BRIEF

BA makes

all flights

smoke-free

British Airways is to ban smoking on all flights from March 29 after overwhelming support from customers. BA has more

than 7,000 flights each

week, 95 per cent of which are non-smoking. The last

routes to go non-smoking

include Spain, Latin America, China, the Phil-

ippines and Bulgaria.

Suicide blame

The Court of Appeal ruled that the Metropolitan Police failed in its duty of

care by letting a suicide risk hang himself in a police cell. The force will

challenge the ruling in the

Mary Shelley's lost work may be published at last

er was yesterday hoping to negotiate the rights to a long-lost children's story by Mary Shelley that was recent-ly discovered in Italy.

Pickering & Chatto wants to publish the 1820 tale, written two years after she published Frankenstein, within a reprint of its eight-volume The Novels and Selected Works of Mary Shelley, which came out last year. The firm, which publishes fine editions of key figures in the Romantic period, has contacted the Italian couple in Tuscany in whose private collection the manuscript was discovered after having lain there unnoticed for more than 150 years.

Its appearance in the ar-chives of Cristina and Andrea Dazzi in the bicentennial year of the author's birth is fortu-

The story, entitled Maurice, or The Fisher's Cot and set on the Devon coast, features 39 pages in Mary Shelley's hand. It is a morality tale about a boy A British firm is aiming to take

up the rights for her "very pretty

tale", writes Dalya Alberge

who is stolen from his parents. runs away from his cruel stepfather, is adopted by an old fisherman and lives in a cottage on the coast. Lord Rees-Mogg. The Times' col-umnist who is chairman of Pickering & Chatto, said yes-terday: "I hope we shall be able in some form or another to see that it is published."

The Dazzis are descended from Lady Mountcashell, a close friend of Mary and her husband, the poet Percy Bysshe Shelley, during their exile in Italy in the early 19th

century. Mary wrote it for Lady Mountcashell's 11-year-old daughter, Laura, known as Lauretta or Laurette.

Betty T. Bennett, consulting editor to the Pickering & Chatto edition, is in touch with Signora Dazzi and has advised the publishers to acquire the rights. There is no doubt of its authenticity. Scholars knew of the story's existence, both from references in Mary Shelley's journal and through a letter written by her father. In 1821 he wrote: "Your tale I think very pretty ... But it would not make more than a shilling book."
Professor Bennett, a distin-

guished professor of literature at the American University in Washington DC who has made Mary Shelley her life's work, said there was more Mary Shelley material on scholars' missing-lists including part of her journal and her early short story Hate. "Letters are showing up all the time," she said. "I just pub-



Cristina Dazzi with the manuscript. She and her family have been stunned by the discovery and interest in it

new letters. They surface all

The manuscript has been authenticated by Claire Tomalin, author of Shelley and His World. She said: "It's very thrilling, I must say. It is clearly touched by things one recognises as by Shelley. She had divided it into three parts. Although it was written for a

journal a long article with 24 way, like a tiny three-volume novel. Something that is characteristic of stories like Frankenstein is that it is told by several narrators. I was particularly struck by the melancholy of it."

Nora Crook, reader in Eng-lish at Anglia Polytechnic University in Cambridge and editor of the eight-volume

Graham Robb

Sharon Creech

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wonderful if this could be put can't do anything without the in the public domain as soon consent of the Dazzi family. in the public domain as soon as possible in a scholarly way. This is a very exciting development it's a work which might tell us a lot about Mary Shelley's development."

Roderick Cavaliero, honorary treasurer of the Keats-Shelley Memorial Association, said he would like to get the maximum amount of ...

Violet Gordon Woodhouse

... Victor Hugo

Chasing Redhird

They've been stunned by the interest," he said. Much of their extensive archive was sold to America some years ago. "They didn't know of the existence of this cache of paners. They are worried as to what to do next. She's a bit shell-shocked at the moment, both by the discovery and the

ing of the Lentern Gospel story, Quarantine, and Bernard MacLaverty's story of a struggling musician, Grace

Notes; as well as Geoff Nichol-

son's Bleeding London, and The Unsouchable, John

Banville's novel of betrayal

and adultery which was also

seen as a serious Booker

The author of the winning novel receives £2,000. The

shortlists for the other catego-

ries were also announced yes-terday. The winners will be

announced on January 6, and

Ford fined Ford was fined £10,000 at Cardiff Crown Court yesterday after a toxic liquid from its Bridgend engine plant seeped into the Riv-

er Ewenny, an area of special scientific interest, killing thousands of fish. Ships scrapped

Three British Navy war-ships — HMS Kent. HMS Hermione and HMS Ju-piter — have been sold for scrap in India for E600,000 after a four-year attempt to sell them to foreign navies failed.

Appeal to blind Court clerks have put advertisements in the Royal National Institute for the Blind's magazine after the Lord Chancellor's annonneement that he wants to appoint blind or par-tially sighted magistrates.

Bedside light Sunlight shining through a pair of spectacles on a bedside table started a fire on a davet, which then gutted the main bedroom of a couple's detached house In Beeston,

McEwan goes into final round for Whitbread award



McEwan: did not make shortlist for Booker

BY DALYA ALBERGE

WEEKS after Ian McEwan was snubbed by the Booker Prize judges, he has been shortlisted for the rival Whitbread award. The literary world was taken aback that his novel Enduring Love failed to make the final Booker list, and regards his new

chance as natural justice. However, publishers questioned whether judges for the Whitbread novel award who include the writer Fay Weldon - had given him a backhanded compliment in their description of his work as "a great and powerful book with a gripping beginning". One observer said: "What about the rest of it?" The novel

tells of a young drifter who

FIRST NOVEL AWARD

Anne Haverty	One Day as a Tiger
Mick Jackson	The Underground Man
Pauline Melville	The Ventriloquist's Tale
Ardashir Vakil	Beach Boy
Phil Whitaker	Eclipse of the Sun -

POETRY AWARD

Simon Armitage	١.
Selima Hill Violet Ted Hughes Tales from Ovid Peter Redgrove Assembling a Ghost	

becomes obsessed with a science journalist and starts meeting at the scene of a shortcomings that should disballooning accident. Com-

menting on the judges' wording, another observer said: "I qualify it from winning. It's

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overladen with scientific theory and touches of earnestmarvelious. He's often good at beginnings. It contains within tenders, Jim Crace's rework-

McEwan faces competition from two other Booker con-

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Congress vote ruins Clinton trade dreams

PRESIDENT CLINTON yes terday suffered a devastating setback to his foreign and economic policy when he failed to win authority from Congress to strike international rade deals.

After frantic lobbying in the early hours, the White House reluctantly postponed the Bill to renew the Pesident's trade-negotiating anthority, which had already been rescheduled three times over an increas-ingly tense weekend.

Mr Clinton said: "I'm disap-rointed, We were the laborated

pointed. We were very close, but early this morning it became clear to me that we would not get the votes to pass the Bill." He said he was still optimistic that Congress would back him early next year, but Democrats gave a warning that the crucial congressional elections in 1998

would only heighten contro-versy over the Bill.

The defeat is an unexpected blow for President Clinton, who sees the promotion of free trade as one of his greatest successes. The creation of the World Trade Organisation (WTO), and the North American Free Trade Agreement (Nafta) with Canada and Mexico, are among his main qualifications for a place in the history books.

But the stance of Congress

leaves him now at the first President since Gerald Ford not to have "fast-track authority". That power, which lapsed during Mr Clinton's first term, would allow him to negotiate trade pacts and put them to Congress for a "yes or no" vote without amendment. His plan to extend Nafta to Chile and other Latix American countries, and to press for more access to Japanese and Chinese markets, has been

The inability of the world's largest economic pover to negotiate trade deals may also jeopardise the recently greated

Maddox on the

President's

humiliation by

his own party WTO, which has been hailed as one of the most important

steps in lowering international trade barriers. President Clinton's failure may scupper the organisation's efforts to open up trade in agriculture, and to put pressure on the European

Union to dismantle the com-

mon agricultural policy. Mr Clinton's defeat, which was compared in Washington to the collapse of his attempted healthcare reforms in 1993, was due mainly to opposition from within his own party, and shows the costs of his bid to drag the Democrats towards the political centreground. In 72 hours of roundthe clock lobbying, the White House tempted key congress-



Georgia peanuts, Florida or-anges and Californian wine, but was unable to capture the dozen or so extra votes needed

Many Democrats believe that the support of the unions. who bitterly oppose most trade pacts, will be more important than that of Mr Clinton in next year's elec-tions. The 750,000-strong United Steelworkers of America yesterday thanked representatives "who stood by America's working families and forced a vote postponement".

Unions blame Nafta and other trade pacts for causing the loss of American jobs to neighbouring countries, and for driving down wages.

Mr Clinton, who won vigorous support from many Republicans, yesterday gave "a profound word of thanks" to Newt Gingrich, the Speaker of the House, for his support. He could have had the backing of enough Republicans to carry the vote if he had agreed to cut US funding for international family planning efforts. But he said yesterday that "I believe it would have been wrong to compromise what I believe and to link the two issues".

The White House plans to present the Bill again after the Christmas break. But support may be even more elusive, as congressional Democrats will be anxious to drum up money and support ahead of the November elections, and will be wary of running foul of the

☐ Flight alert: Hillary Clinton was preparing yesterday to take off again for a tour of Central Asia, nearly a day after her plane developed engine problems and returned to Andrews Air Force Base. The 25-year-old Boeing 707 jettisoned its fuel and returned to the base minutes after taking off when a sensor falsely indicated an engine fire. (AFP)



Spider, a bronze lift high and 16ft across by French artist Louise Bourgois, is one of 30 international sculptures on display in Cologne

Paul Simon musical hits troubled water

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK death sentence, which was commuted by

ANTI-CRIME protesters across America have called for a boycott of The Capeman, the first musical written for Broadway by Paul Simon.

The show is based on the true story of Salvador Agrón, a Puerto Rican who stabbed two white teenagers to death in 1959. In jail, the murderer underwent a striking transformation, devoting his time to reading literature and writing

Agron, who was 18 when he killed the teenagers, was dubbed "The Capeman" by the New York press, after the black cape he wore during his gangland battles. That year, West Side Story had just played on Broadway - a tale of strife between young whites and Puerto Ricans - and the murders made many New

Yorkers believe that the "Latino menace"

was on their doorsteps. Agrou received a

murderer and will cause the families of those killed by Agron to relive the most painful moments of their lives. Christine Baumbardt, a member of Parents of Murdered Children, which

Velson Rockefeller, the state Governor.

Simon's musical glorifies a convicted

Victims' rights groups claim that Mr

has 100,000 members, said: "Does Simon think that murder is something to sing and dance about? The musical will not only be victimising those families all over again, it will victimise the families of everyone who has ever been murdered."

Leaders of the group have issued a nationwide call on members to converge on the Marquis Theatre in Broadway when the show opens for previews on December 1. There, they will picket

The group says that the families of the victims support the boycott campaign.

Mr Simon has denied that the musical glorifies" either murder or Agrón. In an interview with the New York Post, he said: "The play is different from a documentary. The play has a moral question at its core. That question is about the possibility or impossibility of redemption. It looks at how atonement is

The musician has revealed, however, that he consulted members of Parents with Murdered Children while writing the musical. He said: "I was about to drop the play after doing an interview with a woman from that organisation. At that time, my oldest son [Harper] was 16, and it set me to thinking, what would I do if something happened to him? I under-



Agrón: studied literature while in jail for murders

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Netanyahu seeks fast track to peace



Binyamin Netanyahu: begins a four-day visit to Britain on Thursday during which he meets Tony Blair and Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State

BINYAMIN NETANYAHU, the Israeli Prime Minister, seek co-operation from Tony Blair to accelerate the timeta ble of peace talks with the Palestinians and to launch an international drive to prevent Iran becoming a nuclear

Speaking before a sensitive four-day visit to London starting on Thursday, he ruled out any compromise that would sisted there was nothing in the 1993 peace deal to prevent more Jewish settlements in the West Bank.

Mr Netanyahu pledged to impress upon his British counterpart that negotiations should begin now to reach a final agreement, rather than continuing the interim stages of the 1993 Oslo peace deal with its May 1999 deadline. "I think it is time to cut the Gordian knot, to get to the heart of the matter, a lasting settlement between Israel and the Palestinians," he said.

The Israeli leader dodged questions about whether he backed his Defence Minister, Yitzhak Mordechai, who recently voiced support for a conditional pre-emptive strike against Iran's nuclear installations, similar to that launched

Talking to British journalists, Israel's Prime Minister tells Christopher Walker that it is time to bypass the

Oslo accord and reach agreement with the Palestinians

against the Iraqi Osirak reac-tor in 1981. He issued a warning that Britain would siles in a second stage after an attack on Israel, adding: "This will be a problem for all of us." In a week in which the Knesset is commemorating the second anniversary of the assassination of Yithak Rabin, the Prime Minister, he extended an olive branch to the opposition Labour Party, but ruled out a government of national unity. We are will-ing, prepared and able to

move towards a final settle

ment with the Palestinians,"

he said. "I believe that ours is

the only Government that can

The briefing underlined the importance that Israel is at-

taching to Mr Netanyahu's

and to hopes that Britain will

play a more prominent role in Middle East peacemaking

when it assumes the European

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l. Mr Netanyahu 48, ap-peared unruffled by claims in the Jewish Chronicle that British politicians and the Anglo-Jewish community are planning to give him a rough ride over his uncompromising stand on the peace process, and notably his expansion of Chronicle disclosed that several leading British Jews had

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with his policies.

meetings with Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, and William Hague and Paddy Ashdown, the Conservative and laberal Democrat leaders - has taken on added significance because President Clinton has signalled his disapproval of Mr Netanyahu's refusal to freeze settlements by so far falling to find time to meet him when he flies to the

US from Britain. Mir Netanyahu ridiculed criticism that he was flaunting the Oslo accord with the reference to such expansion.

Palestinians by continuing to build settlements, quoting Mr Rabin as saying that the interim peace deal made no He attacked the Palestinians, led by Yassir Arafat, for repeatedly breaching key sections of the peace treaty and reneging on a pledge to re-move that part of the Palestime

Liberation Organisation's cov-enant icalling for Israel's de-struction. Israel is being asked to do things that are outside the Oslo accords in exchange for Palestinian compliance with obligations they

took under them," he said. He offered a blueprint for a final settlement that many Palestinians would find unacceptable. It would involve no redivision of lerusalem, no return to the 1967 boundaries before Israel conquered the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and the Golan Heights, and no right of return for the millions of Palestinian refu-

gees in the diaspora.

Mr Netanyam also ruled out a Palestinian state that would have sufficient sovreignty to intport powerful weapons to the hills above Tel Aviv: control airpsace now used by Israeli war planes; or make diplomatic pacts with hostile states such as Iraq.

But the Israeli leader, who on Friday will theet Madeleine Albright, the BS Secretary of State, claimed that after last week's renewal of talks near Washington, Israel and the Palestinians were close to completing in accord en-abling the Palestinian Authority to operate an airport in the

Kissinger Palestine is

FROM ROSS DUNN

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signed the Camp David acsince Prime Minister Begin agreed to the concept of untonomy that a Palestinian state was inevitable. Once the ations with the Palestinians. The first, the essential, re-

He added that the interna-tional community would not

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INJEKUSALEM:

HENRY KISSINGER, the former American Secretary of State, said yesterday it is time for Israel to realise that a Palestinian state is inevitable. His declaration came in a memorial lecture to mark the second anniversary of the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, the Labour Prime Minister. Dr Kissinger told a packed auditorium in Tel-

hope there is a way around it. He said that while he had advocated a gradual, "step-by-Arab-Israeli conflict, he now believed it was time for giant

ensure it would receive the best terms possible in return for agreeing to the ultimate concession of allowing the establishment of a Palestinian state. He said it was important to act, and not take for granted that the US would continue indefinitely its policy of attempting to help settle disputes in the Middle East. Even now in America there is isolationism on the Left, unilateralism on the



Kissinger, urged Israel to take giant strides

side it; news reports from the outside world are incom-

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Spy flights resume in defiance of Iraq

Tom Rhodes and James Bone report on moves to force Saddam to back down

THE TIMES TUESDAY NOVEMBER II 1997

THE United States resumed uninterrupted U2 reconnaissance flights over Iraq yesterday as Washington struggled to muster support at the United Nations for a tough response to Iraq's defiance. The flights went off safely despite previous bellicose warnings from Iraq that it would fire on the first U2 to

resume surveillance over Iraq. The Pentagon saw the successful mission as a first sign that Saddam may not be prepared to escalate the standoff into a full-scale conflict. But officials made it clear last night that America was still prepared for any military action, either unilateral or under the direction of the UN.

At the UN, Bill Richardson, the US Ambassador, said he was seeking a Security Councll resolution with "teeth" to punish Iraq for barring Americans from working as UN weapons inspectors.

The US and Britain are expected to ask for Security Council backing for a resolution that not only imposes a travel ban on Iraqi officials and suspends the periodic review of Iraqi sanctions, but also declares Iraq in "material breach" of its obligations under the Gulf War ceasetire. Such a declaration can be used to justify military action under the original resolution authorising force against Iraq. However, it has been met

become increasingly divided in dealing with Iraq.

Mr Richardson claimed there had been "very strong

IRAQ



An F18 pilot ready to take off from the USS Nimitz and overfly Iraq on a sanctions-enforcing mission

with some resistance by other decision. The French have been very helpful," he said. "We've had allied unity: the veto-bearing permanent members of the council such as Russia and France, and the Russians, the British, our phrase may be dropped in favour of other wording. allies, the Chinese."

Last month the Security The five permanent mem-bers of the Security Council --Council expressed its "firm intention" to impose a travel Britain, China, France, Russia ban on senior Iraci officials if and the United States - were Baghdad continued its spodue to meet last night to radic obstruction of UN indiscuss the elements of a spections. Even in the face of a resolution and a vote could much greater challenge from: Iraq, however, the Security come as early as today. British sources said the priority was Council has not yet made good to maintain the unity of the on its threat. Security Council, which has France and Russia, which both abstained in the earlier

vote on the travel ban, spoke allied unity" against lraq's

support for possible military

Tariq Aziz, Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister, stopped over in Paris on his way to seek concessions from members and the UN Secretary-General in New York and met Hubert Vedrine, the French Foreign Minister.

M Vedrine "reiterated the unacceptable character of the measures taken by Iraq in violation of Security Council resolutions regarding American personnel," a spokesman said, stopping short of endorsing military action.

For its part, Russia yester-day urged Iraq to lift its restrictions on American inspectors, but said it opposed the use of force. "Russia. intends to firmly seek the removal of curbs imposed Baghdad on the activity of the UN special commission," the Foreign Ministry said. "At the same time Russia will resolutely reject attempts to use the tensions that have arisen to justify any forcible actions against Baghdad with the authority of the Security

But Britain was unwavering in its commitment. In Landon last night Tony Blair confirmed Britain's readiness to back a new US strike. He said: "Saddam should not take as a sign of weakness the international community's desire to find a peaceful way forward if possible. He has made this atal miscalculation before. For his sake, I hope he will not make it again."

Mr Aziz arrived in New York yesterday to meet Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary-General, and members of the Security Council in a bid to form of UN weapons inspections and a timetable for the lifting of UN sanctions.



Baath Party members brandish weapons in front of a Saddam portrait in Baghdad

as U2 spy plane flights were resumed. Iraq has threatened to shoot down the planes

Trail that led to the poisonous arsenal

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

BIOLOGICAL agents make poor battiefield weapons, as their effects are too slow and they run too great a risk of killing friend as well as foe. But neither of these factors is a drawback to a leader such as President Saddam Hussein who also possesses rockets.

Saddam has consistently blocked UN weapons inspectors from access to his facilities, but in April a team found that irag's programme had been more extensive than previously realised. Among the agents produced are

bubonic and pneumonic plague.

The UN inspection team also found that Iraq had bought spray dryers essential for drying out bacteria so they can be stored - and four specialised filling machines for packing the agents into containers. It also imported 39 tonnes of growth medium, a nutritious soup on which bacteria thrive.

Faced with this evidence, Iraq admitted that it had produced thousands of litres of three agents - anthrax, botulinus toxin and aflatoxin - and deployed them on rockets at four sites. What is not clear is whether Iraq is

optimum form for distribution particles between one and five micrometres across, the best size to

ensure they are retained in the lungs. Anthrax is a disease of cattle and sheep caused by a bacillus. As few as 8,000 spores are enough to kill if it is inhaled, and up to 90 per cent of those given a large dose will die. Antibiotics are effective, if used early enough; otherwise, death follows within a few days. The US Office of Technology Assessment said in 1993 that on a calm night a light plane over Washington with 100kg of anthrax spores and a crop sprayer, could deliver a fatal dose to up to three million people.

Botulinus toxin causes muscular paralysis and could kill 30 per cent of those exposed to it within three days. Aflatoxin, a fungal poison sometimes found on poorly stored peanuts, is a puzzie. Its best-known effect in humans is to cause liver cancer ten to 15 years after exposure: its choice as a germ war agent is hard to explain.

However, if any attempt were made by Iraq to prepare for a launch of these agents, it is likely that such activity would be picked up by satellite or the

Baghdad turns up the heat in clash with UN

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU

IRAQ raised the stakes in its confrontation with the United Nations yesterday by formally declaring it no longer recognised American U2 spy planes as part of the UN's weapons inspection pro-gramme and would act against them to preserve its

"sovereignty and security".

The defiant stand was spelled out in a letter to Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary General, from Muhammad Said al-Sahaf, the Foreign Minister of Iraq. It came as Tariq Aziz, Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister, was on his way to New York to address the UN Security Council on his country's grievances and signalled that Baghdad was in no mood to back down.

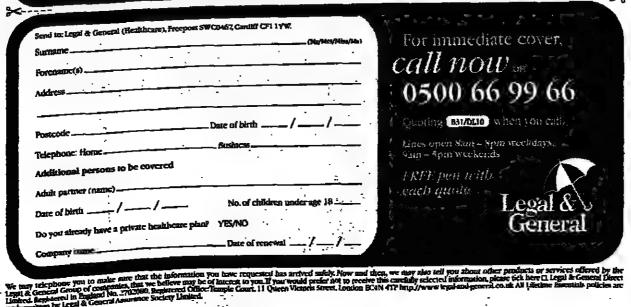
However, while Baghdad kept up its bellicose rhetoric, t failed to act on earlier threats to attack an American U2 spy plane when it re-sumed flights over Iraq, claiming it flew beyond the range of its anti-circult misiles. Baghdad has accused Washington of using the U2s to collect information for attacks against Iraq.

In a further indication that Iraq was braced for a pos-sible American-led military strike, the Iraqi news agency reported that hundreds of families had volunteered as "human shields" in presidential palaces. Huge carpets were rolled out for them to sit on in an opulent presidential our blood and souls we shall defend you, Saddam!" shouted the crowd, which included children.

In another supposed ges-ture of devotion, hundreds of Iraqis were reported to have registered to join "Saddam's Commandos", a unit designed to defend the country times of crisis.

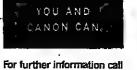
The UN suspended the U2 flights last week while a three-man UN delegation was in Baghdad in a failed attempt to persuade President Saddam Hussein to rescind his decision to expel Americans serving with the

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Zimbabwe veterans run riot in court

FROM JAN RAATH IN HARAGE

ZIMBABWEAN former guerrillas ran riot in the Harare High Court yesterday, forcing a judicial inquiry to abandon dollar fraud of a fund meant for victims of the country's independence struggle.

About 300 war veterans danced, hooted at the judge chairing the inquiry and delivered, from the now deserted bench, obscene denunciations against President Mugabe's Government. Riot police stationed in the court ordered the protesters to leave, but were

The demonstration appeared to be an attempt to force Judge Godfrey Chidyausiku to wind up the inquiry and prevent it from taking action against Hitler Humzvi who heads the War Veterans' Association. Evidence presented last week alleged that he had forged documents so that two of his relatives would receive large sums of money from the Government's War Victims' Compensation Fund.

Italians put folk hero on course for presidency

ITALY'S anti-corruption campaigner, Antonio Di Pietro, yesterday swept triumphantiy into mainstream politics after winning a Senate by-election for the ruling centre-left coalition with an overwhelming majority.

There was immediate speculation that Signor Di Pietro, a former magistrate who inspired and led the 1992 "Clean Hands" campaign, might become Italy's first popularly elected President under pro-posed constitutional reforms. Although Signor Di Pietro is

a folk hero, his political views have long been enigmatic. He has often described himself as "a man of the Right", and is close to members of the "post-Fascist" Alleanza Nazionale. Yet last year he briefly joined the Government as Minister of Public Works, with the avowed aim of ensuring that



Di Pietro: victorious

public contracts were not corruptly awarded. He said yesterday that he was "on the right wing of the Left", and that his aim was to help Romano Prodi, the Prime Minister, to create a broadbased Left which could rid

itself of narliamentary dependence on the Communists. Signor Di Pietro won 68 per cent of the vote in the by-

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central Tuscany. Giuliano didate of the Centre Right, led by Silvio Berlusconi, the media tycoon — one of the most prominent targets of "Clean Hands" - received only 16 per cent.

Signor Ferrara, a former newspaper editor of Falstaffian girth and outspoken views, served in the short-lived Berlusconi Government of 1994. He admitted his tactic of mocking Signor Di Pietro's "peasant" origins had back-fired, as had his assertions that the former magistrate was corrupt. La Repubblica for Di Pietro and a resounding defeat for those who conduct-

ed a vendetta against him". Signor Di Pietro, 47, rose from humble southern rural origins to head the unrelenting campaign by anti-corruption magistrates in Milan.



M Rambaud at the Café de Flore in Paris vesterday. His book was inspired by Balzac's wish to write about the 1809 Battle of Essling.

Author scoops top prizes with 'Balzac' book

FROM BEN MACINIYEE

AFTER writing 25 books without winning a single major prize, the French author Patrick Rambaud made history yesterday by carrying off two of the most coveted awards in French literature for a novel that Honore de Balzac always intended to write.

La Bataille (The Battle) was yesterday awarded the Prix Goncourt, the country's highest literary honour, less than a week after taking the Grand Prix for fiction from the Academie Française. The prizes have sever before been won by the same book — a fictional account of the Napoleonic Battle of fissing

The double award is also an obliquitibute to Balzac, the 19th-century author vito often said he would write about the jousily bloody encounter in 1809, but never it I am setting out to lay have all the property, all the beauties, of the battlefield," wrote a line, only a few notes," M Ramband il, said yesterday. The Battle of Essing ned after an Austrian village outside Victors, was the first military engagement Repoleon did not win—and the moment his empire began to crumble. When it was

M Ramband said yesterday: "It was neither a victory nor a defeat. It was carnage. Two ferocious days when nobody wanted to fight, but which left 40,000 bodies on the field. La Bataille is a prototype of all battles."

Accused former aide of Yeltsin flees sick bed FROM ROBIN LODGE IN MOSCOW

A FORMER class associate of this year, of a crackdown President Yeltsin, being investigated for bribery and corrup-tion, has slipped out of the country, purportedly to seek medical treatment in France.

Doctors in St Petersburg said yesterday that Anatoli Sobchak, the city's former reformist Mayor and a strong ally of Mr Yeltsin during the later part of perestroika, flew to Paris last week, a month after being taken to hospital with heart trouble.

"Sobchak discharged himself from the St Petersburg Military Academy heart surgery clinic on November 7 and has flown to Paris for further

tal, Gennadi uty head of the clinic, said yester-day. Mr Sobchak had not wished to cause trouble for medical staff in St

eirport with Petersburg, be-cause his illness \$1 million 9 had become a matter of political speculation. The initial interrogation of Mr

6 In 1993, he

was allegedly

detained at Heathrow

taken into intensive care after apparently suffering a heart He is accused of accepting to tens of thousands of pound and using his office as Mayor, which he held from 1991 until last year, to procure flats for friends and relatives. He was also being asked about an incident in 1993, when he was reported to have

airport with \$1 million (£590,000) in cash. President relisin served notice earlier

Sobchak, 60, had to be cut short last month when he was

against corruption among government officials, giving a warning that no one would be exempt. But so far no major personalities have been brought to book.

The only two prominent people to have been investigated are Mr Sobchak and Sergei Stankevich, another former Yeltsin ally accused of taking bribes while working as deputy Mayor of Moscow. Mr Stankerish was detained in the summer in Poland, where extradition proceedings are

Soviet parliament under formen President Gorbachev, As

Major of St Petersburg, Mr Solchak was praised in the well sis ordersteing a rapid privatisation programme that became a national model. But his popularity swiftly decimed anticiproving rumours of corruption in his administration, has tween he was defeated. tion has year, he was defeated in his bid for re-election by his deputy, Vladimir

Mr. Sobchak has denied all allegations against him and says he is a victim of political persecution. He has also reected the claim that his heart trouble was taked in order to avoid further questioning. But fuel allegations by his critics.



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Neighbouring giants end border squabble

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PRESIDENT YELTSIN and Jiang Zemin, his Chinese counterpart, ended yesterday a long-running border dispute that in the late Sixties almost led to nuclear war between the Communist giants

The two leaders signed a pact, six years in the making, which defines the course of the border along its 2,800-mile length. The declaration effectively laid to rest wrangles dating back centuries and which, in the Sixties and Seventies, centred on ideological differences and leadership of the Communist world.

This is the main achievement of the fifth Sino-Russian summit. The pact hailed the border demarcation as "a good example of a fair and rational solution of issues inherited from the past".

Mr Jiang greeted Mr Yeltsin with a handshake and a bear hug and called him an "old friend". He said the declaration would "create good guarantees for peace, stability and calm on the

Mr Yeltsin, on his third state visit to China, told reporters he thought he now understood Mr Jiang as well as any Chinese did. "That is good ground for respect and further growth of our friendship," he said.

Part of the warmth in relations probably stemmed from Mr Yeltsin's avoidance of human rights concerns in his talks with Mr Jiang, who two weeks ago in America faced demonstrations and a lecture from President Clinton on Beijing's poor rights record. Chinese and Russian offici-

als also signed three documents aimed at boosting their paltry bilateral trade. The two sides want to increase trade cheap consumer goods from.



Presidents Yeltsin and Jiang demonstrate their friendship after signing a frontier pact

China and energy and military hardware from Russia from its meagre \$7 billion (£4 billion) a year to \$20 billion a year by 2000. But this is a difficult proposition, given

Russia's reduced buying power and fewer sought-after goods to export. A key agreement was to build a \$12 billion pipeline to supply gas from ated their communication in Siberia to China's Pacific coast multipolar world.

and eventually to South Korea. On international affairs, both sides, with an eye on American dominance, reiterated their commitment to a

trafficking, was forced into a

straitjacket, handcuffed and

placed in solitary confinement

Russian traders profit in Beijing

By JAMES PRINGLE

IN BEIJING'S central Dongdan Park is a small leafy hill topped by a Chinese pavilion, a popular rendezyous for lovers. Yet the hill is actually an enormous mound of rubble dug up as Chinese. on Chairman Mao's orders. frantically built a series of underground tunnels in the late Sixties in case of a Soviet nuciear attack.

Fighting by troops of the two Communist giants on disputed islands in the Ussuri River in northeast China in exchange. Emergency talks between the then Soviet Prime Minister, Aleksi Kosygin, and his Chinese counter part, Zhou Enlai, stopped hostilities in the nick of time. Nowadays the Sino-Rus-sian relationship is typified at

another park, Ritan, in Beijing's diplomatic district where the Russian Market or Yahaolu as Chinese call it after the street name - oper ates in hundreds of little shops. The dressmakers' dummies here are all large and blonde. Here all the signs are in Cyrillic and in every shop there is a staff member who speaks Russian.

Russian traders were buying cheap Chinese clothes here yesterday as President Yeltsin was having talks with China's leader on expanding the low level of official bilater-

The traders ship the dothes home, an illegal business that is worth £1.25 billion, or equal to a quarter of all legal trade between the two neighbours.

The Russian traders purchase in bulk, then ship the goods back home via the Trans-Siberian Railway or via chartered Tupolev aircraft. Anyone asking to buy just one pair of gloves, a fur hat or a pair of boots is

Foreign detainees 'violently abused' in Japan

IN TOKYO

FOREIGNERS held in Japanese jails and immigration detention centres are liable to suffer violent nitnishment. sexual assault and racist humiliation at the bands of xenophobic guards, Amnesty national was stripped naked,

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its report, based on the testimony of lawyers and former detainees, cites 18 cases that suggest a pattern of cruel and degrading treatment in prisons, police stations and camps for illegal immigrants.

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and sexually assaulted with a truncheon by guards while awaiting trial. When you leave Tokyo Detention Centre. voia are not a human being." the unidentified man told Amnesty after his release.

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immigration officials, it says. Asylum-seekers may be detained for lengthy periods, sometimes in solitary confinerequest asylum. Foreigners are often denied access to interpreters and lawyers.

The Amnesty report points out that Japan is a major contender for a permanent UN Security Council seat. But of all the current permanent members and other contenders, it is the only one yet to sign the UN Convention against Torrure and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatmen

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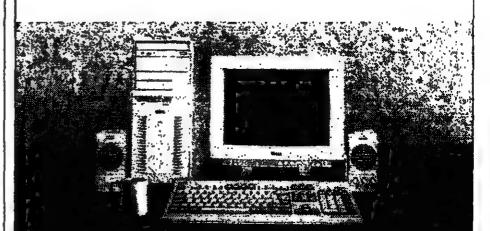


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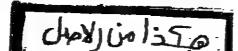
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Plagued by a mystery illness

tends to be about relationships, in our thirties about careers and in our forties about schools, then from our midfifties the talk is increasingly about our ailments. We queue up in our doctor's surgery, seeking a cure for our bad backs, tennis elbow or housemaid's knee.

It is little comfort that our sciatica or irritable bowel syndrome is trivial compared with the cancer or multiple sclerosis suffered by others. Pain blots out all other preoccupations. Debility becomes insufferable because, like Samson chained to his pillar, we remember the days of strength and good health.

Just over two years ago, when I was 54, a small lump appeared beneath my collarbone. The consultant to whom my GP referred me thought it might be a tumour. It was removed six days later under local anaesthetic and turned out to

be a harmless polyp.

Eight days after the operation, I awoke feeling ill. My limbs and joints ached as if, instead of dining out the night before, I had been beaten black and blue. It was not unlike a form of flu. I did not feel ill enough to stay in bed and carried on as best I could.

The malaise persisted and I went to my GP. A simple blood test revealed nothing unusual. He thought that it was probably a virus, and would eventually go away. But the aching joints and limbs persisted and, as time passed, were joined by other symptoms; a tingling of the nerves, like mild shingles; small spasms in my legs; and waves of tiredness that came over me at odd moments.

I noticed that I was running a mild but persistent fever. I also developed a dry cough, unpleasant for me and exasperating for my family. I worked as best I could, writing for an hour, then dozing for an hour. I often felt slightly livelier in the evening and did not look unwell. Regular doses of ibuprofen. anaesthetised the aching of my ioints and limbs and the unpleasant tingling of my skin.

In January I went back to the doctor, who sent off a blood sample

Novelist Piers Paul Read tells how his ailments had doctors puzzled

said the

carbuncle

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This test revealed a lymphocyte count slightly below the norm. A second test six weeks later showed the count remained low. I was erred to a consultant physician.

When I first saw him he was pessimistic. Searching for the cause of such a vague ailment was like looking for a needle in a haystack. He could discount myalgic enceph-alomyelitis (ME) because that showed no abnormalities of the blood, but the other possibilities included tuberculosis, toxoplasmosis, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and even a recurrence of brucello-

sis, caused by contami-nated cow's milk, from which I had suffered in

months I had more blood tests, an X-ray and a scan of my liver showed only that I had a "birth mark" on my liver. The blood tests also had negative results; apparently my antibodies reacted vig-orously when fed a TB

Then suddenly my eyesight became bleary. My optician said the pressure in my eyes was above the norm and sent me to the emergency unit of an eye hospital, where it was discovered that the pressure was even higher than the optician had thought; there was a danger of blindness caused by crushing of the

It was perhaps glaucoma, although I had no family history of this hereditary disease, and drops were prescribed to reduce the pressure. Later it was diagnosed as ocular hypertension. I mentioned my other ailment but was assured that there could be no connection.

I began to see myself as Job and tried to show his resignation. But then a lump appeared under my eye. A consultant dermatologist thought it was a tumour. It was removed,

told by the consultant physician that the last blood test suggested that I had been infected by the Enstein-Barr virus, otherwise known as mononucleosis or glan-

dular fever. Nothing would cure this. I was referred back to my GP. It seemed plausible. My son had had glandular fever shortly before my illness had begun. Might I not have breathed in the germ? The only oddity was that I had never had swollen glands. Still, the diagnosis came as a relief. I began to discover other EB sufferers: we

exchanged information about alternative cures, My children insisted that I try acupuncture; and for some months I went on a stringent homoeopathic regime. All to no avail. My

symptoms persisted and I became resigned to the fact that only time would deliver me from EB. But then, some time last March, a strange red patch of raised skin appeared at the end of my nose. My wife called it a

carbuncle, my daughter my "manky" nose, it was unsightly but not painful. My GP thought it might just be a symptom of ageing: he had seen nothing like it before.

In May I was due to go abroad and decided that I would be more presentable if something were done about my carbuncle. Familiar by now with the slow working of the NHS, I made a private appointment with the dermatologist. He said that, while he saw thousands of skin complaints every year, he had never seen anything quite like mine. He took two biopsies and sent them off for analysis.

Five days later he rang to say the inflammation was sarcoid. I rushed to Black's Medical Dictionary, where my eye fell on the word "sarcoma" and, for a few hours, I thought I had cancer of the nose.

back within the NHS. After an Xray and a lung test, I went for a gallium scan: radioactive material was injected into my bloodstream that would cling to any areas of sarcoid involvement.

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At the end of August I saw the result: bright patches of radioactivity around my eyes, my salivary glands and the lymph glands in my lungs. It was a classic case of

What is sarcoidosis? It is described as a "granulomatous disorder" that can affect various organs, particularly the lungs but also the eyes, and is found mostly in northern Europeans and Afro-Americans. The kind of skin condition apparent on the end of my nose can be associated with other skin involvement, especially on the shins; other symptoms are fever, fangue, weight loss, a persistent cough and a low lymphocyte count. It is controlled by steroids or immunosuppressant drugs. It can clear, often unnoticed, within a few months or persist over a number of years. Heredity may be a factor but

low dose of steroids in the form of Prednisolone now control my condition. The pain has left my limbs and joints. The cough has stopped. The fatigue recurs only occasionally. There have been no notable sideeffects from the steroids. I was told to beware of spending money: businesses have been known to go bankrupt in the hands of a managing director on steroids. And I was warned that I might have moods of unusual depression or elation, but the only elation I feel is what one might expect at feeling well after two years of feeling ill.

But unlike Samson, I have not regained enough strength to pull down the pillars of the Philistine's palace. I merely return to the normal condition of a man between 50 and 60 who has spent his life at a desk - overweight, with a bad back and a failing memory; less hypochondriacal, perhaps, and more sympathetic towards the sick, especially those suffering from vague illnesses that go undiagnosed.



Piers Paul Read: "I felt as if instead of dining out the night before, I had been beaten black and blue"

Why smacking children is bad for their parents

t's one of those situations where none of us can get it right. But it seems to me that the Government has got it particularly wrong if, as seems likely, it enshrines in law the right to smack

Paul Boateng, the Under-Secretary for Health, has committed the Government to clarifying the law following the announcement by the European Commission of Human Rights that a child who was severely caned by his

stepfather had suffered an abuse of human rights. The Government will be coming up with a legal formula to differentiate between beating and smacking. And in so doing, because it will be outlawing "degrading" beatings, it will also, by implication, be legalising smacking.

This is a right I do not want. reasons for not hitting one's children, and one of them is that it is bad for your own selfesteem. Hitting my children (I

have two daughters, aged 9 and 4) makes me feel ashamed and humiliated. And too much shame and humiliation does not a warm, being make. Nor does it do anything for my deportment. weight, complexion or hair.

You have to hold on to your dreams in this life, and one of mine is being clever, loving and funny, as well as being stylish and sophisticated. I don't want to be a defeated mother with my shoulders

The right to hit my children would leave me feeling ashamed and humiliated, says Rachel Morris

hunched and my forehead furrowed into wrinkles has failed and I have been hitting the children again.

The other, rather more aitruistic, argument against hit-ting one's children is that it simply does not work. When my children were small, hitting them hurt their dignity terribly (and dignity was something they had huge amounts off. As they grew older and bigger, they hit me back, and when I snapped at them "Don't hitt" they answered, smartly and irrefut-

ably: "But you just hit me." There would then ensue an argument as to who had hurt whom the most, the unshot of which was that I had to apologise to them. And too many apologies mean that you lose control of the situa-

Now, I know that it is sometimes said that you can smack your children in a cool, rational manner (the "it hurts me to do this, but it's for your own good" argument), but for me it isn't possible. And if it were, it would be an even more alarming prospect. Because hitting your children in a cool, rational way suggests sadism dressed up as self-righteous hypocrisy.

children are intuitive. Although they often don't fully the feelings behind it. What

that your children know that you enjoy hitting them?

For some years now government has been under pressure to outlaw the smacking of children. Now it seems that the Labour administration finds itself, curiously, taking the opposite line, and sanctify ing in statute the right of a large person to hurt, even if only slightly, a smaller one. In a way, however, it seems

to me that the legal status of smarking is beside the point. When we lose our temper

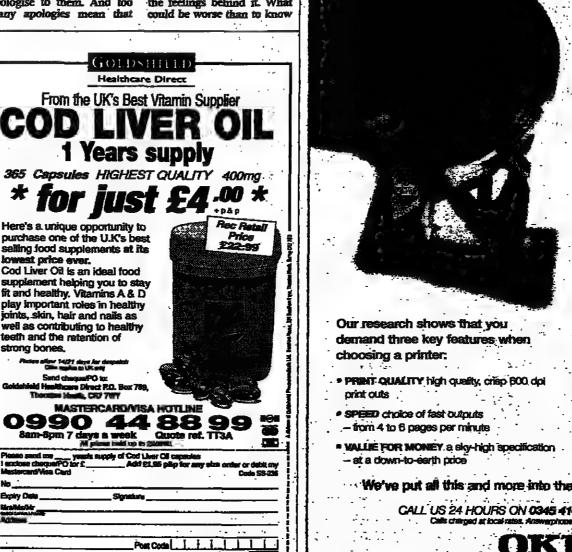
with our children, surely what we are feeling — apart from an ungovernable flash of rage - is a childish desire to wail to the beavens: "Oh Lord, why have you made it so difficult to bring up children? Where has the extended family gone? Why is it so difficult to carn the money to pay the bills, and be a good mother, and also to

I know it was never easy, but surely it has become particularly difficult, with

hard to find, and so costly in terms of the hours we have to work to pay for it, which means that we hardly see each other, or the children. And when we do, we are exhausted. To say nothing of our anxieties about drugs and crime, and the state of the children's schools. Perhaps if the Government could worry more about some of these questions, we might find that

childcare so expensive, and so



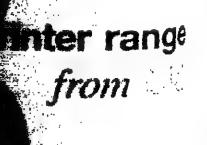




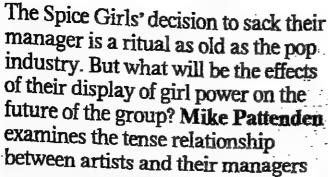


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on its axis following the news that the Spice Girls have split with their manager, Simon Fuller, many will see merely a ritual as old as the pop music industry itself: the clash for control between artist and management. Ever since a fairground huckster called Colonel Tom Parker saw dollar signs in the young Elvis Presley, managers have reserved the right to run not just artists' careers, but

Colonel Parker, the archetypal showman Svengali, and Simon Fuller, the low-profile businessman, are poles apart in their style - and the music industry of the late Nineties is a very different

place to the nascent one of the 1950s - but the factors involved are not dissimilar. A manager controls an artist, making decisions that directly affect the artist's career and dictate how much money he or she earns. What has changed over the years is the balance of the relationship. These days, artists have a far sharper idea of where

they are going, what they want and how to attain it. They are far more likely to strike out on their own if it fails to materialise, and with showbiz lawyers always keen to fight a clause, the ground is a great deal

number of public rifts between young artists, traditionally assumed to have little idea of what they are doing, and their mentors. The former members of Take That were quick to exert their individualism after the band split up. Both Robbie Williams and Gary Barlow rapidly parted company with Nigel Martin-Smith, who had controlled their careers with military precision for six years. Barlow was always destined for

solo career and Martin-Smith had always intended to use the band as a springboard for that career. But when the moment came, Barlow chose to go his own way. "Nigel earned his reputation as a Svengali manager, but the credit should go to the band. the music to a different domain and make the shows different,"

recalls Barlow. Martin-Smith earned a reputation as a ruthless man, not afraid to exert his control or vent his spleen on those around him, an approach that made Barlow, essentially a warm and generous person, uncomfortable. Barlow, though, is also highly ambitious. He wanted to work with top American songwriters and producers, and a manager famous for throwing his weight around was not going to be able to deliver that.

or Williams, catalyst of the Take That split, leaving the band and Martin-Smith was an act of rebellion. Martin-Smith was paternal in the extreme and Williams had grown to hate the regime forced on him. However, his wayward spirit, spiralling ego and drink problems made him a difficult character for anyone to work with. Within six months he had worked his way through two more managers in former Creaton Marketing manager Tim Abbott and Jelly Street's Kevin Kinsella. The result for Williams was a deal with Chrysalis Records and a pile of law suits, including one from Martin-Smith for £200,000.

After breaking from Martin-Smith, Barlow embarked on an informal management relation-

hile the world teeters ship with Simon Fuller's firm, 19 Management, declaring We [Take That] had only touched on our potential, the Spice Girls show how big international success can be - and I want a bit of that."

Yet by last June, the relationship had foundered, amid rumours, ironically enough, that the break-down had come because Barlow felt Fuller was devoting too much of his time to the Spice Girls. Significantly, Barlow is now managed by Christina Kyriacou, former marketing director at his record label RCA, who left in order to set up a company to look after Barlow's affairs — and only his. At the time he is her sole client.

Frequently, the smoothest artist

management relationships are those where the artists can feel that they and only they are the sole focus of their managwant to go er's attention. The artistic ego finds it hard to make room for peers. Peter Grant, Led Zepwhile the pelin's learsome manparty's still ager, always put the band first. An imposrocking, ing physical heavy-weight, he was often

> fees in cash and being prepared to back up his claims with his fists but he only ever threw his weight around to further the band's cause and he made them a fortune in the process.

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Two of the biggest rock acts in the world can point to unbroken relationships that favour the artist rather than the manager: U2 and Oasis. Oasis is the only band represented by Ignition Management, which has managed them since the beginning. The company's almost anonymous figure-head, Marcus Russell, is respected for his ability to cut deals while massaging the egos of his often volatile charges. Significantly, while Oasis enjoy a rock in roll reputation" fie, they are supposed not to care about money), Noel Gallagher knows 44-year-old Rus-sell will move quickly when their

interests are threatened. Thus, when merchandisers attempt to chisel in on the band or radio stations break embargoes, punishment is swift. A recent unauthorised attempt to post Oa-



Ginger Spice (Geri Halliwell) with her arm around Simon Fuller at the Ivor Novello awards earlier this year. There are rumours that his recent sacking followed rows between the two

sis lyrics on the Internet was threatened with immediate

Russell, however, would never dream of dictating what Oasis could or could not say. He does not need to control them like that the worse their behaviour, the more the press loves it. However, for teenage acts, presentation and media relations are all. A fall from grace could signify the end of the

When East 17 singer Brian Harvey made his infamous comments about Ecstasy and failed to turn up for an engagement on TFI Watkins, appeared to exert ultimate control of the band: the right to hire and fire. He refused to work with Harvey, or with the band unless they fired him. The confrontation precipitated the departure of song-writer Tony Mortimer and the severing of Watkins's links

Spice without Svengali

with the group.

Frankly, Brian Harvey had the manners of a pig. I loathed and detested his behaviour. He was disgusting," says Watkins.

Did he push the band too far by trying to govern their morality? I've never operated that sort of regime," he replies. "I'm not their lover, and I'm certainly not going to be their whipping boy. The door

is always open here, you can walk in or out." In fact, Watkins admits to

expecting a five-year relationship with his acts before the cracks begin to show. "You're dealing with young people, often very thick ones in the pop world. People with no business acumen or grounding in life," he says contemptuously They tend to think they'll make it without the help of the manager so they can quickly save themselves 20 per cent by dumping them. It's a huge mistake and history dem-

So have the Spice Girls, who have already made £35 million

largely through Simon Fuller's

drive and business nous, made a mistake?

"I don't know whether it's an error, it's not for me to say," says Watkins. "If they want to leave while the party's still rocking. that's great. But if it's going to disintegrate into one of them going off with Simon Fuller, another doing something else, then that's

Rumours are already flying concerning the reasoning behind the Spice Girls' decision to fire Fuller. Some reports say Fuller with Ginger Spice, Geri Halliwell, including a confrontation over an "close relationship" with

the Spice Girls. The five have shown from the start, when they dispensed with the services of Bob and Chris Herbert, the management leam that hist put their together, that they are willing to exert their famous brand of girl power on anyone seeking to run them rather than their careers. hether they have tak-en control of their

Baby Spice, Emma Bunton. And

first-week sales for the album

Spiceworld were poor when com-

pared with those of Oasis or

Prodigy but then, musically, the

band are no longer there to be

discovered. They are about mar-

keting, and in these terms they are

unparalleled, having cut deals to advertise Pepsi, Walkers Crisps

and Impulse Deodorant through

the efforts of Fuller. Money, then,

would appear to be off the agenda.

power and who, ultimately, runs

More likely, the split was about

destiny so wisely this time remains to be seen, but early suggestions are that they are looking for a new team. To do the job themselves, as has been suggested, would only precipitate the end.

Management is there so that someone can deal with the day-today business, relieve the hassle, act as a buffer zone - and which Spice Girl is going to take responsibility for that, and thus be seen to run the band? The truth is, artists can survive but rarely thrive without management. More likely, new, more pliable hands will be found to keep things running smoothly while stage three is hatched: an album with a solo slot or possibly even five solo projects.

However, for a band without an obvious front person or song writer - 19 Management, incidentally, looks after the Spice Girls' song-writing teams, Stannard and Rowe, and Absolute - that one could cause a few headaches.

For the time being, the Spice Girls are still a gold mine, though Whether the mine will remain productive without Simon Fuller in charge remains to be seen.



Robbie Williams (left) and Gary Barlow (right) rapidly parted company with their manager after Take That split, while Liam and Noel Gallagher have stayed loyal to their mentor



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Currency hustlers of the CBI

Anatole Kaletsky on the silent

majority ignored by EMU zealots

t long last, the Confederation of British Industry has found something sensible to say about European monetary union. This comment does not. of course, apply to the CBI's ludicrous leadership, which has been strutting through television studios and newspaper columns to proclaim a usinessmen's crusade for the single currency and declare war on the Conservative

Discounting the propagar-da from the podium at yesterday's conference, the CBI's survey of business opinion. published over the weekend, does point to some very important conclusions - all of them favourable to EMU-sceptics.

If what you read below does not chime with your impressions from the newspaper headlines, perhaps you should take to heart the injunction of Nial Fitzgerald, Unilever chairman, who is one of the CBI's poisiest EMU-zealots: "I urge you to listen for the hard facts of the argument — and, if they are not forthcoming, de-

The facts of the CBI survey are as follows. Of the 2,241 companies questioned, 22 per cent favoured joining the sin-

gle currency, even under the hypothetical condition, posit-ed by the CBI, that Sceptical economic convergence is in place simply lets between Britain and the EMU counthe fanatics tries] - ie, that cyclical convergence take over with EMU interest rates is achieved

and a competitively sustainable exchange rate exists". Five per cent said they were opposed to Britain joining EMU even under these implausibly favourable conditions (implausible because Britain's interest rates and currency have always fluctuated in a cycle quite different from Europe's). The remaining 73 per cent of the comknow whether we should join. or failed to express any

Such a low response rate completely invalidates the survey's conclusions, since the 70 per cent or so who failed to give a view are likely to have very different views from the minority who feel passionate enough to volunteer an answer. This is why serious surveys of business opinion. such as the monthly surveys on economic activity conducted by the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply. insist on a 100 per cent

The only reasonable conclusion to draw is that most companies are either indifferent to EMU, or have taken conscious decisions to stay on the fence. Given the business community's vast appetite for information on EMU, and the endless discussion of the single currency at business conferences, in boardrooms and at social events, it seems unreasonable to conclude that the businessmen are just too bored and apathetic to express an opinion.

The view that most businessmen are open-minded but inclined to be EMU-sceptical is borne out not only by the 78

per cent of the CBI respon-dents who did not express an opinion in favour of joining the single currency, even under the ideal economic circumstances. Surveys by the Institute of Directors show similar results. In the last such survey, 27 per cent of the 506 respondents said they wanted Britain to become fully integrated with Europe and EMU, while 42 per cent wanted to retain the present relationship with Europe. The remaining 31 per cent wanted to distance Britain from

Europe in various ways. A similar message came from a Gallup poll of company directors in yesterday's Daily Telegraph. While the survey appeared under a typically mindless pro-EMU headline companies back Britain to join Euro-currency", the true message of the figures was quite different. While 56 per cent of businessmen supported the Government's decision to stay out of EMU until 2001-02, and then decide whether to join in the light of economic circumstances, only 14 per cent favoured the CBI leadership's view that Britain should prepare for EMU before 2001-02.

Some 20 per cent said that we should not join at all in the foreseeable future. Among those who differed from the Government's

open-minded poli-cy, therefore, EMU opponents outnumbered the enthusiasts by three to two. On balance, then, it seems that a clear majority of businessmen believe (with Tony Blair) that the decision should

be delayed for at least five years and then taken in the light of circumstances. A substantial minority may view the single currency as an issue of such immense constitutional importance that it should be debated by citizens in the arena and not by business lobbies which repre-

nfortunately for the many public-spirited businessmen who believe that politics should be left to politicians and corporate interests should not over-. whelm the opinions of ordinary citizens on this issue, politicians and media will not leave them alone until 2001. Rightly or wrongly, the media circus will demand a "business point of view".

Most businessmen may prefer to remain silent, believing that the single currency issue should be settled later, or left to politicians unswayed by narrow financial interests. But these thoughtful EMUsceptics remain silent today. the airwaves and the business lobbying groups will be taken over by the extremists with the strongest motivation and the simplest positive message. At present this seems to mean such EMU-fanatical companies as British Airways and

It is time for businessmen who understand that the single currency is not just a business issue to speak out and for the media and politi-



... WHICH IS IMPOSSIBLE TO FLY UPSIDE DOWN ...

Soap opera justice

in their time, asked a great deal. They asked that a cheap, young, untrained au pair should take long, lonely hours of total responsibility for a rampaging three-year-old and a young baby. They asked, in a coldly worded contract, that she should supervise them with a closeness few mothers

Later, on the far side of tragedy, they asked the world to accept Louise Woodward as "a monster", a cunning liar and "aspiring little actress". They asked a court to convict her not of negligence or manslaughter but absurdly — of murder, with its implications of intentional planned malice. They asked the world to let them publicly condemn her on a prime-time TV chat show while the jury were still out.

do her laundry.

All these things are understandable, and have to be forgivable because their baby is dead. Nothing where there is terrible grief then unbalanced behaviour has to be excused and discounted by the rest of society. The whole point of a judicial system is to contain wild emotions with collective intelligence: precisely the kind of cool, humane intelligence exercised yesterday by Judge Hiller

Yes, it would be better if the poor Eappens had borne themselves less vengefully, but it is not up to us to condemn them. It was not justifiable to write spiteful columns about yuppie greed, or to mock their Victim tatement like the distinguished British writer who took exception to "chumber-munchkin" and "butterball" and so felt free to sneer at the bereaved mother for "referring to her children as if they were milk chocolates". Nor is it attractive to wave placards outside the court saying: "One less baby, one more Volvo." Deborah Eappen only worked a three-day week, for God's sake. Both America and Britain have shown a streak of viciousness over this case which takes the breath away.

But the bereaved parents have now asked for one more thing, and this time they absolutely must be heard. While she waited for the judge's ruling, Deborah Eappen said that when Louise Woodward does walk free, soon or later, "I would like her not to go back home a hero". Not to go back home a hero. Now

we're talking. If anything can be done

British hysteria over Louise Woodward demonstrates the perils of TV in court

to prevent the deflication of Louise Woodward, it must be. Justice plainly was not served by locking her up for 15 years, but neither is it represented by the Louise supporters. There is a strident intolerance about the pub crowd in Elton, with its yellow ribbons and balloons and its convenient alliance with an au pair agency rightly terrified of an Eappen lawsuit. Sentimentality and self-interest have merged into a mob mentality, quite seriously nasty. It has been a kind of party: Eltonians say without a trace of irony that it has knitted the village into one big family.

Crazy claims were made: one emoted on the radio that Loudeploy a burning vocation to care for children (are there none in Britain?). Others — miles from the trial, medi-

cally unqualified and with nothing to rely on but sentiment - say daily that they "know" Louise to be innocent even of the all-too-human failings that the judge enumerated last night: "Confusion, inexperience, frustration, immaturity and some anger." Because they feel affinity with Louise, it follows that she could never, even in the depths of panic and confusion, hurt a baby (lew honest women would claim that even for

Swollen by incomers, this pretend "family" has cavalierly damned the real Eappen family and vilified American justice. It is notable that Louise's parents have been the most low-key and dignified members of her campaign. They are close enough to the reality of grief not to jeer at other victims. The rest of the mob strangers, acquaintances, opportunists who like the limelight — make me ashamed to be British. If they now attempt any kind of hero's welcome they will be even more sickening. If Louise comes home to sell her story

she will truly become the "monster that her erstwhile employers call her. There has been endless media tearfulness about grim American jails, unfeeling American cops, even

the "cheap prison clothes" Louise was dressed in, as if an Armani outlit would somehow be fairer. But American justice did not fail: it faltered, that is all. The indictment was wrongly put (as the judge has hirited) and the lawyers' arrogant "noose or loose" line was stupid. Now, with Judge Zobel's sober and humane analysis, justice has moved to regain its footing. But throughout, the defendant was well represented and fairly treated. It was she, as Judge Zobel reminded us yesterday, who said on the witness stand that she had not been as gentle as she might have been

with Matthew Eappen that day. Frankly, even evidence. Boston doctors are famously good. Besides, once the detail of

previous fractures came out, the picture of "confusion, inexperience, frustration, immaturity and some anger" became only too believable. It may be a nightmare. but need be no mystery. Anybody who knows babies - head-heavy, unreasonable, frustrating, fragile - can envisage ways it might have happened. Suppose the three-yearold accidentally tipped the buby onto a hard surface at some point; suppose the nanny did not dare report the incident to frosty, censorious employers; suppose the baby's "crankiness" in after-days created a sense of crisis and hysteria, aggravated by lonely resentment. Suppose rough handling occurred and was mentally blanked out, denied as we have all denied our actions at 18 imaternity wards have always had a quotient of girls who still maintain that nothing happened that night). Suppose anything: the least likely supposition was deliberate murder, the most likely was manslaughter, with pure accident hovering between.

But no possibility - even accident - can excuse a triumphant welcome home. Not when the baby is still dead. That is horrible, and so are any media which encourage it. And here I part company with all sorts of

necessary to doctor history!

assinent thinkers who want television cameras in British courts. This case does not actually teach us anything new about childcare or women's careers or ambition, but it does demonstrate brilliantly that when you televise court cases you encourage tacky, dehumanised, adrenalin-junkie behaviour which in the end threatens the very roots of justice.

America has led with court TV, but even America must now wonder about it. The cameras may or may not make lawyers behave like drama queens: it is tempting to think so, but then I have no idea of how American lawyers behave or dress when untelevised. We were producing our own Marshall Hall histrionics, after all, long before John Logie Baird. But what cameras do achieve, without a shadow of a doubt, is to reduce the dull, serious thoroughness of any court of law to the level of soap opera.

o argument for them carries real weight. Some say interest in important cases if they are on television, which makes one wonder precisely how much more interest we could have borne in, say, the Rose West trial or the James Bulger case, which weren't. Some say that justice must be seen to be done and that TV is the modern equivalent of the public gallery: hooey. The experience of watching sexy little anippets of evidence and emotion on the news has absolutely nothing in common with queueing up in the rain and accepting court discipline in order to participate in a trial as a serious observer. It never will have, not unless you force networks to acreen every minute without close-ups, and force viewers to stay put on their sofas without food or drink and behave with restraint while real

people's lives are being disposed of. If you take the American route, trials become entertainment, an excuse for idle, crisp-munching couch potatoes to make facile judgments. about whose eyes are too close together, who isn't looking quite upset enough, who has a silly voice. and so on. Sometimes the couch potatoes get fired up, and you get the kind of rankly stupid partisanship we have seen in the Woodward case and the O.J. Simpson trial. Justice, I-say again, is a device for using intelligence and moral sense to contain and regulate the beast in us. Why punch holes in it?

Meltdown of our plastic age

Anna Somers Cocks

on the problems of modern conservation

tors. A study by the National

"disease" that attacks plastics is perturbing museum cura-

Museums of Scotland reveals that the steering wheel of a Morris Minor is self-destructing, that early space suits and designer artefacts are decaying. Even Barbie shows her age. Early plastics, it seems, are unstable and Why is this so alarming? It is partly because we are surrounded by plastic and the prospect of large chunks of our environment dissolving away is troubling. We thought we had found a truly modern, easy-care material, impervious to rot, or woodworm or fading. But progress has deceived us. And when it is reported that holes in the ozone layer contribute to the degeneration of exposed plastics window frames, for example - fear of the scientific present is aroused. Most of us are too ignorant of modern technology to be able clearly to evaluate the risks.

We are also alarmed because we feel that once something has entered a museum, it ought to be safe, for ever - or at least for a very long time. But the conservation departments of museums with 20th-century art collec-tions have known for at least 20 years that it is the more recent, not the more ancient, works that are giving them trouble. Twentieth-century artists broke with tradition not just in abandoning the depiction of "reality". abandoning the depiction of reality, but in jettisoning traditional crafts-manship. They have not been inter-ested in the well primed canvas, in laying on various layers of paint, with careful attention to drying speeds so as to avoid flaking and cracking. Take the case of the most famous American artists of the 1950s whose works sell for six-figure sums: Sam Francis, Mark Rothko, Barnett Newman. They aimed for a perfectly smooth surface with the saturated colour which the new acrylic paints gave them. But acrylics fade; unlike oil paint they attract dirt, give no selfprotective starface and are almost impossible to infill if scratched.

The most ismous loss, one which no conserver can do anything about, is Rothko's series of deep red paint-ings commissioned by Harvard University for Holly Oak Centre in 1961. Rothko considered these to be one of his greatest works, but whole paintings changed colour. The unstable lythol red pigment he used, mixed turned entirely blue. Today, all the panels have been removed from view. The artists of this century have felt compelled to be original. They have employed the most bizarre materials for their works: polystyrene, sand, straw, cellulose, elephant dung, flambeed plastic. The American Larry Rivers, for example, used plywood and xerographic paper, both origi-nally intended by their manufactur-

The question is, what do you do if something is unrestorable? Damien Hirst's famous shark in a tank in formaldehyde, at present on view at the Royal Academy, is less than five years old but already it looks shabby and old. Should it be replaced by another shark? If the owner, Charles Saatchi, goes out and buys a new shark, will that still count as a work of art by Hirst? If Hirst himself procures the new shark, is it still the original work of art or a new one? Ellsworth Kelly, when asked by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art what to do about a damaged coloured-field painting of his, simply had it returned to his studio and he repainted it, so it now bears two dates on its label: one of its invention (1969) and the other of its restoration (1985).

ers for a very short life.

These cases will become even more painful as time go on because many of these works are the most expensive on the art market. Even if their makers professed to care nothing for bourgeois values, their owners usually do.

Solutions will be found, of course, especially if it is financially worthwhile The Getty Conservation Institute has already invented a large tank filled with inert gases so that, for example, art made with commercial paints and manufactured materials which generate their own pollutants can be put into a kind of preservative limbo. But the effect on people's interior decor will not be pretty.

The Heritage Lottery Fund gave £13.875 million in February to help the British Film Institute to save the film and television material of this century. This involves transferring 35mm films made before 1952 from nitrate cellulose, which degenerates into an inflammable, gluey mess, onto safety film. And how long will that last, I asked Brian Jenkinson, their video preservation and engineerin manager? Will this progress turn out to be an illusion also? Tablets of stone last for thousands of years, but they don't carry much information. Now that we can digitise images, we are able to clone them and make many exact copies," he says. "But nothing lasts

We live in an era in which mass production and disposability are highly valued. Perhaps then the transcience of so many of its artefacts becomes in itself a symbol of the age - even when we didn't intend it to.

The author is editor of The Art

Is it love?

IS Tara Palmer-Tomkinson being pursued romantically? The ubiquitous socialite, who famously skies with the Prince of Wales each winter, moans constantly that she is unlucky in lurve; only on Sunday, she suggested in her Sunday Times column that she remains emotionally challenged. But Tramp/Studio 54 types on both sides of the Atlantic are not so sure, linking our Tara's name with Stephen Morris, a financial wheeler-dealer from New York. Such a coupling would be a match made in heaven. Mr Morris loves late-night partying and has something of a reputation as a man who heaps prezzies from the likes of Saks Fifth Avenue on the

women in his life. His friend Mariella Frostrup, the television presenter with the voice of someone on three packs a day, says any women would be lucky to catch him. "He's got more generosity in his body than sense," she rasped. The only cloud on the horizon. however, is that Mr Morris's own romantic liaisons have been somewhat complicated. Last year he block-booked the posh Cliveden Hotel in Berkshire for a whole weekend to celebrate his impending marriage to his then American financee. Unfortunately, the wedding was called off before the big event arrived but the party went ahead anyway. The whiz-kid has since been seen escorting other good-lookers. If love is in air for

Tara, all will be resolved shortly. A



Romantic riddle: Tara P-T

end of the month so we'll know more then. She's a lucky girl; Stephen only needs two hours sleep a night."

Roy's return

AFTER almost two decades in that chum of both whispered. "Tara's wilderness known as the Liberal going out to New York before the



to be wehabilitated, er. I mean rehabilitated by Labour. Although many in the party have still not for-given the grandee for flouncing out when the going got tough, I under-stand that over a few glasses of ex-tremely fine claret. Tony Blair has sounded out Lord J of Hillhead about the chairmanship of the commission on proportional repre-sentation. Such an appointment would make eminent sense; after all, who other than a man who has spent most of recent history hanging out with the Lib-Dems could. make sense of PRZ

Howzat!

IT'S just not cricket. The Marlburian, the Wiltshire public school's magazine, has listed in mind-numbing detail every throughout the last season, except one. Left off the list is the now infamous match between Marlborough and its arch rival Radley, which sparked a national debate on the standards of sportsmanship in school cricker.

The game came to the attention of cricketing buffs when Marlborough, playing at home, refused to declare after the Radley team began to behave badly, adopting the practice known to Australians as "sledging". So much bad blood was created by the show of poor manners on the pitch that all sporting fixtures between the



"Pm still not sure about this .

Overhearing a conversation between Jonathan Aitkin and a friend, I was intrigued to find out why the disgraced former minister felt that, if it had ever come to prison, he would have survived. "I went to Eton," the Beaverbrook scion confided. "What better preparation for a spell behind bars?" I wonder which serves the better

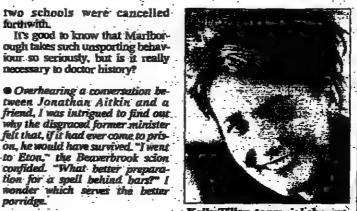
Slice girls THE unisex hairdressing salon that opened last month in the House of Commons has come up with a clever new marketing strate-

Originally, MPs had to make do with a barber's shop run by the stern Stephen Silverne, who cut parliamentary locks for 27 years. But the ancient barber became a casualty of the clean sweep at Westminster after May I and was asked to pack his scissors and combs. His premises were taken by John Simon, a high-fashion hair

stead. Out went the dingy old inte-

was removed after pressure from the new intake of Labourettes on grounds of "political correctness". dressing salon based in Hamp-

JASPER GERARD | Newspaper.



Kelly Tilley, tonsorial charms

rior decor and smell of Brykreem: In came "sunshine yellow" paint, soft leather chairs and attractive young women such as Kelly Tilley. Now posters advertising the hairdressers: new charms, namely five smiling women, have been stuck up around the House. Although the price of a cut has nearly doubled since the days of Mr Silverne. MPs have been flocking to put themselves in the capable hands of Ms Tilley and her ilk. Strange, then, that the barber

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How Formula One got both its money and its money back

Tony Blair is now feeling for the first time what it is like to be in the middle of major allegations of sleaze. Earlier this week the problem was a small patch of mire concerning relations between his public health minister, Tessa Jowell, and the exemption of motor racing from the ban on tobacco sponsorship. The link was Ms Jowell's husband, David Mills, who had worked for a Formula One team. The charge seemed always unfair since Ms Jowell had been arguing against her husband's interests and was overruled by Downing Street. But who ever said that politics was fair? The trouble seemed set to pass.

Now a much larger lump of mud stands in Labour's way. It transpires that the Labour Party may have been given £1.5 million for its election campaign by the head of Formula One, Bernie Ecclestone. Tony Blair's decision to support the motor racing lobby and its tobacco sponsors against the interests of public health and the spirit of his manifesto was always an odd one. The arguments of Mr Ecclestone about jobs in the racing industry did not seem to have been aggressively tested. How much did his contribution help his cause?

In Opposition Labour always argued that the Conservatives were in the pocket of those same tobacco companies who are responsible for so much of Mr Ecclestone's business success. Indeed, the Tories vetoed an attempt to secure a European directive against tobacco sponsorship. Now it is known that Mr Ecclestone was a massive supporter of them too, giving some £8-10 million, according to party sources.

His generosity to both parties must dwarf that of any other donor. It is impossible, however, to say for certain. The Tories have never published either the names of their donors or the amounts given - although William Hague now plans, like Labour, to reveal the names behind all donations of more than £5,000. This level of transparency is also deceptive. The difference between

£5,000 and £8-10 million is critical. The former might buy a place at a couple of fundraising dinners attended by Cabinet ministers. The latter could bankroll a party through most of an election campaign.

Labour has now undertaken to pay back Mr Ecclestone's money, on the advice of Sir Patrick Neill, Lord Nolan's successor, He found that the party had breached no rules. but that "in order to avoid the appearance of undue influence over policy", the money should be returned. The Conservatives, who can no longer help Mr Ecclestone, may feel safer in keeping their money. They should

examine their consciences too. Sir Patrick may be right that no rules have been broken. But this merely shows the inadequacy of the rules. Not only the names of party donors but the amounts of their donations should be disclosed. Otherwise voters will have no idea of how beholden a political party might feel to its supporters.

Mr Ecclestone's munificence may have had not the slightest effect on Mr Blair's decision to exempt Formula One. But the arguments that his ministers have used to support the policy were hardly persuasive. It was claimed, for instance, that 50,000 British jobs depended on Formula One. Actually, that figure represents total employment in the motor sport industry, of which Formula One accounts for just 8,000.

Even then, it seems naive to believe that these jobs would go if motor racing moved out of the European Union. Just one Grand Prix takes place in Britain. Yet this country dominates the sport. Formula One teams will continue to use the most successful companies, and these will continue to be British.

If the Labour Party used to be instinctively anti-business, new Labour is in danger of succumbing to the opposite kneejerk reaction. Business will argue for what will maximise its profits; and this does not always equate with the national interest. Mr Ecclestone has both won his way and got his money back. He must be delighted.

SCEPTICS AT THE CBI

Brown and Barclays move in parallel universes

Despite talk last week of a "ten-year rift" between the Confederation of British Industry and the Conservative Party, William Hague won a surprisingly warm reception from the CBI conference yesterday. He toldthem what many did not want to hear; but he did so with thoughtfulness and cogency. This was not the speech of an anti-European, but of a modern sceptic.

With cool rationality, Mr Hague warned his audience of the dangers to their own businesses of signing up for a single currency. Yes, transaction costs would be reduced and transparency increased. But did British businesses really want to pay 45 per cent corporation tax, as in Germany, rather than the 31 per cent they pay here? The European Commission has already complained about the "harmful tax competition" coming from Britain. Once in EMU, the Government would find it hard to fight imposed uniformity on tax rates.

Mr Hague also reminded CBI members of how they suffered when the pound was in the ERM. Being stuck in a single currency would be like being "trapped in a burning building with no exits". His economic analysis took his listeners through the adverse impact on demand and jobs that EMU could cause. Sensibly, he appealed to their selfish instincts as business leaders not to any wider, more abstract sense of democratic duty.

Yesterday's debate proved that CBI members are by no means unanimous in their support for EMU. So did the letter to The Times from the heads of 13 large companies ranging from Lourho to Associated British Foods, Jardine Matheson to Kwik Save.

Perhaps the most persuasive contitionous came from Martin Taylor, chief executive of Barclays Bank. "I have been a Europhile all my life. But I am an EMU-sceptic," he said, before going on to explain that only political integration and a federal taxation system could make EMU work. Without an exchange rate to take the strain of economic adjustments, all the burden would fall on the labour market, with wage cuts and higher unemployment the result.

Did Gordon Brown heed any of this impeccable economic logic? The Chancellor could have been living in a parallel universe. His comparison of EMU with the single market in terms of loss of economic sovereignty was spurious. Regulations governing the contents of a bottle of beer can hardly be equated with irreversible loss of control over the entire economy.

If the Chancellor is not to be allowed to join EMU in this Parliament, he seems determined instead to bring it in by stealth. His preparations aim to encourage British companies to do business in euros, to issue shares, pay taxes, file accounts and have bank accounts in the currency. He intends to flood schools and libraries with pro-EMU propaganda. If he has his way, by the time of the referendum the momentum will be unstoppable. ·

It is of course wise for businesses and Government to prepare for EMU; Britain will be affected outside as well as in. But there is all the difference in the world between being prepared and being frog-marched. Mr Brown compared EMU to decimalisation: he should be reminded that membership is not a foregone conclusion.

INTERESTS OF JUSTICE

Judge Zobel has rightly exercised his discretion

The debate about the extent of Louise Woodward's complicity in the events surrounding the death of Matthew Eappen will continue even after the dramatic events in a Boston courtroom yesterday. In truth it is almost impossible to know what actually happened on February 4. The sentence finally handed down will doubtless be subject to further legal argument. Ten days ago, at the time of much outrage at the initial verdict, The Times affirmed its faith in the Massachusetts legal system and stated with confidence that this sad affair was not over. In retrospect both sentiments still appear accurate.

Judge Hiller Zobel has spent the better part of a week constructing his opinion. The state law allowed him considerable discretion in these matters, although on the implicit understanding that a jury's decision should not be altered often or lightly. There were many in Britain who hoped, understandably, that he might quash the charge outright or order a retrial. Those courses

were always highly unlikely. In the circumstances, the judge travelled as far as he could have. He knew that the original jury had been placed in an impossible situation. The 12 had been asked to choose between absolute guilt and total innocence. Those who had sat through this case thought the truth sat somewhere between the two in an uncomfortably substantial grey area. Judge Zobel offered himself the option of involuntary man-slaughter which had been denied — by the

deliberate decision of prosecution and defence alike - to the jury. He came to the reasoned assessment that this is what they would have chosen. He offered his reassessment, as he said, in the interests of justice.

In his opinion the judge did his best to unpackage the evidence. He argued that the death of Matthew Eappen was "not characterised by malice in the legal sense" but instead was the result of "confusion, inexperience, frustration and some anger". That still implies that some responsibility should be placed with Miss Woodward. This view will be resisted by her supporters. They will have further opportunities to outline her innocence. The law of Massachusetts offers many avenues of appeal.

Judge Zobel could not, however, ignore the original views of the jurors entirely. When put in a corner they preferred too much guilt to too little. In reaching this view they rejected a large chunk of alternative interpretation put forward by the various defence lawyers. That was their right and it should be respected. The injuries suffered by Matthew Eappen require explanation. The outcome to this trial reached last night provisional as it remains - will strike many, perhaps most, as still unsatisfactory. But it is much better than it looked ten days ago. Judge Zobel deemed that the mistakes of prosecution and defence alike should not have led to an excessive murder conviction. Miss Woodward can now seek to clear her name from a position of greater comfort.

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Sir. Tutorials work better than lee-

From Professor Sir Eric Ash.

tures - a fact to which any one who has served in academia can testify. Unhappily it is an expensive form of education, which as the major modality of teaching. Oxbridge alone has been able to afford.

resented by other universities.

Yours faithfully, ERIC A. ASH. 11 Ripplevale Grove, N1. November 10.

From Professor Emeritus George Wedell

ber 7) is quite right. Not only do many universities other than Oxford and Cambridge maintain international standards in research and teaching without the grants provided for those universities, but they also undertake important developments in new areas of study. They could well use a national academic development fund endowed by the transfer of the £35 million at present allocated to Oxbridge

The European Institute for the Media, a research centre of international stature founded in the University of Manchester in 1983, was lost to this country in 1992 because the £750,000 per annum needed for its development could only be found

Yours faithfully, GEORGE WEDELL, 18 Crammer Road, Manchester 20.

From Lord Rix, Chancellor of the University of East London

nesday when, as Simon Jenkins puts it, "the scions of Oxbridge will descend en masse on the House of Lords to protest at the threat to their subsidies" ("Tough on the top-up", November 8), I shall be performing my duties as the Chancellor of this university. I shall be awarding degrees to about 600 graduates at the third of six similar congregations this

all parts of society and many different backgrounds. Over 1,000 are from countries outside the EU. Ethnic minority groups form a majority. Over 50 per cent are women, more than 500 of them are disabled and -

Yours etc, BRIAN RIX, Chancellor, University of East London,

Langridge Road, Dagenham, Essex. November 9.

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choices that confront anyone else who has the responsibility of spending public money.

university to charge top-up fees if it wishes to do so, and to allow Cambridge and Oxford Universities to transfer to their colleges whatever amounts they think fit.

function in the continuing excellence of those universities, the transfers will no doubt be very large.

Yours faithfully ANDREW PALMER University of Cambridge, Department of Engineering November 10.

regret that we cannot accept letters by telephone but they

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Is topping-up the Oxbridge answer?

One need only ask the question of whether it is equitable to support Orbridge in the continuation of this system from the public purse to see that the answer has to be an emphatic no. As you rightly suggest in your leading article ("Quest for quality", November 10), to permit Oxbridge to charge the appropriate top-up fee seems a reasonable compromise and one which would not, I believe, be

This solution does, however, raise the fear that it might further decrease the number of Oxbridge students coming from poorer families. I would suggest that this problem could be overcome by setting up a private loan scheme, specifically to cover the topup fees. The banks would relish the chance. Oxbridge could provide a guarantee for the repayment of these

Since on the whole Oxbridge graduates tend to be employable, this guarantee would be affordable, and ensure that the terms for the loan would be

Sir, Sir John Kingman (letter, Novem-

Sir, It is perhaps ironic that next Wed-

There are approximately 12,000 students at the UEL. They come from perhaps most exciting of all - two-thirds of them are classed as "ma-

For all these non-traditional students, UEL is a remarkable seat of higher education. To me, their existence is evidence that, should Oxford and Cambridge lose their inequitable subsidy, the scholarships and bursaries which could then be distributed among ail university students would lead to a truly egalitarian society.

From Professor Andrew Palmer.

Sir, Many academics will continue to support the present system of payment of college fees, because it costs them nothing to do so, and because it enables them to avoid the hard

The right strategy is to allow any

If the colleges have an essential

Trumpington Street, Cambridge.

Letters for publication should carry contact telephone numbers. We may be sent by fax to 0171-782 5046.

'No win, no fee' proposal no solution to legal aid reform

From Mr D. P. Marchessini

Sir, Writing as an American lawyer, I strongly support the opposition to contingency fees for civil litigation expressed by Mr Stephen Nathan. QC (letter, November 3). However, I do so for opposite reasons.

The problem is not that lawyer and client will have different interests, but that they will have the same interest. The British common law system is hased on the concept that both attor-neys act as officers of the court, and although it is their duty to protect their client's interests vigorously, it is also their duty to see that justice is done.

Contingency fees change the basic relationship of lawyer and client to one of two partners, both trying to obtain money from the court (and frequently it is the attorney who receives the lion's share).

Such a relationship makes it quite unrealistic to expect attorneys to act as

officers of the court. Indeed, we have the example of the United States, where for many years we have seen countless lawyers behaving unethi-The answer is not to chuck out the legal aid system, but rather to control

it better and to make it more responsible. This could be done by restricting it to cases which have a substantial chance of success, and at the same time eliminating cases which the majority of the population would consider trivial or absurd or politically

Yours faithfully, D. P. MARCHESSINI, Marchessini & Co Ltd. Kingsbury House, 15/17 King Street, St James's, SWI. November 3.

From Mr Stanley Best

Sir, Like Mr Stephen Nathan, QC, I deplore this Government's intention to diminish legal aid even further than its predecessor did.

In criminal cases the legal aid fees for the Bar have been savagely cut as from January 1, 1997. A determining officer has pointed out to me that work in one particular case prior to the new scheme, attracting total fees of £2,339.45 and covering all preparation and a trial of four days - with a fifth spent on pleas, directions for trial, an inspection of the locus in quo and a conference with the client - would

now be rewarded by a total of £1,259. Why? In great part because no longer is counsel paid for any written advice, the drafting of the defendant's statement of case (a vital document required to be served on the prosecution) or conferences with the client. He may thus be expected either to do over £1,000 worth of work for nothing or to see his client suffer. Only the "fat cats" will prosper, as now,

In civil legal aid cases where county court costs per case are restricted to £2,500 the result will be the same. Those able to pay proper fees will in-evitably have a better service than those on legal aid.

Contingency fees offer no help for cases where damages are not the principal remedy, nor will they assist where the damages claimed are very small. Those of limited means, to whom a hundred or two pounds in damages would be thought a small fortune, will thus be excluded entirely from fustice.

What price new Labour? Yours faithfully, STANLEY BEST. Glebe Cottage, Broadwoodkelly, Winkleigh, Devon.

From Mr Lionel Block

November 4.

Sir, Mr Stephen Nathan, QC, and other correspondents are perfectly right to underline the fact that the Lord Chancellor's "no win, no fee" proposals are no substitute for legal aid and that, ultimately, they will damage our system of justice. However, neither they nor Mr Adrian Zuckerman (article, October 28) seem prepared to acknowledge that the State cannot continue to finance the

hospice of which I am the medical

director, the average duration of use of morphine for patients at home with

motor neurone disease is 240 days,

and the average duration of use of dia-morphine by injection is two days.

A person with a terminal illness

should not fear that the only choice is

between enduring a distressing death or having their life ended. With good

palliative care, addressing the physi-

cal and pyscho-social issues, death for

people with motor neurone disease

does not need to be distressing. Symp-

toms can be controlled by the careful manipulation of medication, without

I am somewhat mystified why Ms

Lindsell and Dr Holmes felt it neces-

sary to go to court over a treatment

that is readily available to her in the

first place and which doctors carry out

daily without fear of prosecution.

St Williams Way, Rochester, Kent.

Funding for Bosnia

Sir. In 1996 most of the funding for

Bosnia being channelled through the

European Commission was not spent,

largely because its procedures, on its

own admission, could not co-ordinate

such a complex programme.

Early in 1997 the Commission sent

an independent study team, of which I

was a member, to prepare an inte-

grated plan for the Una Sana and Banja Luka regions for the years 1997

to 1999 which could be used in all re-

gions. It included reconstruction, kick-starting the economy, com-

munity services, repatriating refugees

and displaced persons, co-ordinating

inputs from all agencies and a full

More than six months have passed

since the plan was accepted, but de-

spite the desperate situation in Bosnia

prove matters and the underspend

The tragedy of Bosnia is not that re-sources are not available, but that the

European Commission is incapable of

Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire.

Sir, We recently received a lovely

flower arrangement from my sister.

With it we got a "flower and plant care guide" which included the following

Candles. These are for decoration only. To avoid the risk of fire you are advised not to

sympathy with Eurosceptics.

Proceed with care

From Miss Victoria Barnett

Yours faithfully. PETER ANDERSON,

4 Sweetmore Close,

Lower Oddington,

words of wisdom:

Yours faithfully,

V. BARNETT,

13 Langley Avenue,

Monkseaton, Tyne and Wear.

November 4.

management approach.

continues.

From Mr Peter Anderson

Yours faithfully.

DAVID OLIVER

(Medical Director),

Wisdom Hospice,

November 1.

necessarily shortening life.

ever-increasing cost of subsidising improvident litigants.

This open-ended liability could be brought under control by a change in our current rules of procedure, under which every bit of paper, however re-motely connected with a case, is in-

cluded in the proceedings. It is this perfectionist approach to evidence which is largely responsible for the exorbitant cost of lingation. Stemming this documentary flood is obviously not popular with many practitioners; but does this justify the lack of debate on such an obvious

Vours faithfully LIONEL BLOCH,

Halcyon, Ormand Avenue, Richmond, Surrey. November 3.

From Mr Guy Mansfield, QC

Sir. The hald statement by Mr David Pannick, QC, that "conditional fee agreements ... have been working well in the personal injury field" ("Why the Chancellor is right", Law,

November 4) is misleading. The only survey which has investigated such agreements to date was made by the Policy Studies Institute and summarised in a report published last September, entitled The Price of Success. It was a survey of 300 firms of solicitors, all personal injury spe-cialists, and the Bar was not asked to take part.

That survey found a worrying inconsistency in the uplift (success fee) applied to cases with similar chances of success, and potentially serious cause for concern about whether the scheme is operating fairly and consistently - a matter on which it pointed out that consumers are in a weak position to judge.

Yours faithfully, GUY MANSFIELD (Vice-Chairman, Legal Aid and Fees Committee of the Bar Council), I Crown Office Row, Temple, EC4.

Easing pain for the terminally ill

From Dr David Oliver

Sir, I am concerned that the media coverage of Annie Lindsell's court case (report, October 29; interview, November I) may have caused confusion about the help that can be offered to control the symptoms of terminally

The treatment to which Ms Lindsell has "won the right" is the use of carefully adjusted doses of morphine, diamorphine or other medication to relieve pain, breathlessness or other symptoms she may experience. This approach is neither new nor unusual. It is the standard practice in hospices and specialist palliative care services all over the country and should be available to any person with advanced motor neurone disease, cancer or

other terminal illnesses. Much has been made of the supposed risk that treatment with morphine or diamorphine might shorten ife, by the so-called "double effect". When used appropriately, in the way reported to be proposed by Ms Lindsell's GP, Dr Simon Holmes, diamor-

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phine is unlikely to cause death. At the

From Mr F. D. Skidmore

Sir. Doctors treating cancer thought that the incoming Government was taking a scientific and ethical ap-proach to preventing cardiovascular and malignant disease by banning cigarette advertising [letters, November 7]. However, the new occupant of No 10 and the ministerial team at the Department of Health appear to have lost their reason, now that they are confronted by the tobacco and motor

industry lobbyists.

Robin Cook trumpets an "ethical" foreign policy to prevent death and in-jury by British-made munitions in the Third World. What now of a policy directed at saving thousands of young lives in the UK and reducing the mis-ery of chronic ill-health and forced unemployment because of cardio-respiratory insufficiency?

Yours sincerely, F. D. SKIDMORE (Consultant surgeon and surgical oncologist), 11 Orchard Drive, SE3. November 6.

Choc horror

From Mr R. N. Richman

Sir, I am afraid that Dr Napier Penlington (letter, November 7) has fallen into the trap laid so subtly by those devious foreigners. They are taking it for granted that their definition of chocolate is the true one, and that we will

accept it on their authority. My view, supported by a substan-tial body of evidence (around 15 stone) accumulated through years of personal experience, is that chocolate is not true chocolate without an adequate quota of vegetable fats, just as breakfast is not breakfast without both bacon and eggs. The Belgian pseudo-chocolate should be renamed "cocoa confectionery".

Yours faithfully. R. N. RICHMAN. Wits End. 6 Grosvenor Close, Ashley Heath. Ringwood, Hampshire. November 7.

Act of remembrance

From Mr Joe Vitagliano Sir. Any act of remembrance that sim-

ply looks to the deaths of the past (leading article, November 8) dooms us to an infinite repetition of such acts without any guarantee of change in Perhaps today, in what appears to be a new mood of national pride, we

should use the two minutes of silence

as follows: the first reserved for the

tragic loss of life that inevitably accompanies war; the second for the futility that is often foisted on trusting populations all over the world who do politicians. Yours faithfully, JOE VITAGLIANO,

79 Farm Holt New Ash Green, Longfield, Kent. November 10.

From Mr Brian Locke Sir. As well as dedicating our village war memorial to the score of men who gave their lives in the First World War, the words continue:

And also a thank offering to Almighty God for the return home of their 90 comrades. Yours faithfully. BRIAN LOCKE.

Cadogan Grange, Bisley, Stroud, Gloucestershire. November 10.

Defining the age

From Mr Ray Ward Sir, How did Collins Dictionaries come to choose "moon buggy" as their 1969 word ("Words that define the modern age", November 3)? The "moon buggy" (funar rover) was first used on Apollo 15 in 1971. Yours faithfully,

RAY WARD, Flat 97, 17 Sheppard Drive, SE16. From Mr K. L. Samant

Sir, Blairite (1997)? Never heard of it! But the whole world knows Thatcherism. Yours faithfully, the Commission has done little to im-

K. L. SAMANŤ, 16 Charles II Street, SWI. November 4.

I bank, therefore . . . organising them. It is easy to have From Mr Nigel P. Ready

Sir, Your correspondent requiring a

"certificate of existence" (letter, November 5) would be well advised to visit a local notary public. Notaries public, who may be found in all major towns, are appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury and their certificates are recognised internationally.

Yours faithfully. **NIGEL P. READY** (Honorary Secretary). Society of Public Notaries of London, 10 Philpot Lane, EC3.

From Dr John Burscough Sir. I am often asked to countersign my patients' "certificates of existence". I always check their pulses before doing so.

Yours faithfully, JOHN BURSCOUGH, Woodland View, Melton Road, Wrawby, Brigg, Lincolnshire. November 5.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 10: The Lord Haskel (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the Arrival of the President of the Republic of Yemen and welcomed His Excellency on behalf of The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 10: The Duke of York this morning opened the Science Park at Helena Laboratories Limited. Sunderland, and was received by Colonel Hugh Brown (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Tyne and

His Royal Highness afterwards opened the Stadium of Light, the new football ground of Sunderland Association Football Club.

The Duke of York this afternoon visited Darlington Technical College, Darlington, and was received by Mr Christopher Bartram (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham!

His Royal Highness this evening gave a reception in HMY Britannia, Newcastle Quayside, Tyne and Wear.
The Duke of York later attended

a Dinner given by the Lord Mayor of Newcastle upon Tyne at the Mansion House, Fernwood Road, Newcastle upon Tyne. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE**

November IO: The Princess Royal this afternoon opened a new court building at Kingston Crown Court.

Kingston upon Thames, Surrey. Her Royal Highness, President, RedR - Engineers for Disaster Re-lief, later attended the Annual General Meeting at the Institute of Civil Engineers, Great George Street, London SW1.

The Princess Royal, Patron, the Association of Combined Youth Clubs, this evening attended the Annual General Meeting at the Abbey Community Centre, Great Smith Street, London SWI. KENSINGTON PALACE

November 10: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon today rtained the Governor of St Petersburg to Luncheon at Ken-sington Palace. YORK HOUSE

November 10: The Duke of Kent, President this afternoon attender the Life After Stroke Award Ceremony at the Hotel-Inter-continental, London WI.

The Duchess of Kent, President, Macmillan Cancer Relief, this evening attended the Christmas Market Preview at the Royal Horticultural New Hall, Vincent Square, London SWI. THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

RICHMOND PARK November 10: Princess Alexandra Patron, this evening attended a Reception to mark the One Hun-dred and Fortieth Anniversary of Action for Blind People at St James's Palace.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Shell Centre, York Road, Waterloo, at 3.00 to mark the centenary of Shell Transport and Trading, and will give an evening reception at Buckingham Palace at 9.30 for members of the Diplomatic Corps. The Duke of Edinburgh, as president, will attend a luncheon at St James's Palace at 12.45 to launch the National Playing Fields Association millennium appeal.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend a matines performance of Beauty and the Beast at the Dominion Theatre in aid of the Entertainment Artistes'

The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, will open the new Trelawny wing of the Treslishe Hospital, Truro, Cornwall, at 11.15 and will visit the new Hall for Cornwall at 12:35; will launch a unique project at Tretherras School, Newquay, at 2.45 to provide schools with access through the Internet to help pupils to identify local job opportunities and

Awards Scheme, and as president, The Prince's Trust, will meet trust business grant recipients and trust Michael's Parish Church, New quay, at 3.50 and meet people involved in projects to support the unemployed in the area. The Duke of York will visit Blyth, Northumberland, at 10.35; will

will view the projects which have won prizes under this year's Duchy of Cornwall Education

open St Oswald's Hospice Day Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, at 11.35; will visit the Opportunities for People with Disabilities Centre, MEA House, Newcastle, at 1.40; will visit the Neighbourhood Energy Action Project at 2.25.

The Princess Royal president, Animal Health Trust, will preside at an industry committee meeting open the Centre for Equine Studies, open the Harris Library and preside at the annual meeting of the council of management at Lanwades Hall, Kennett, near market, Suffolk, at 10.55.

Baron Monro of Langholm

The life burony conferred upon Sir Hector Seymour Peter Monro has been gazened by the name, style and title of Baron Mouro of Langholm of Westerkirk in Dumfries and Galloway.

Baron Watson of Invergowrie

The life barony conferred upon Mr Michael Goodall Watson has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Watson of Inversowie, of Inversowie in Perth and Kinross.

Do not judge, and you will not be be judged. For as you judge others so you will yourselves be judged, and wintever moseme you deal out to others will be dealt to you. Metthew 7: 1,2

Royal Institute of Navigation

The following have been elected officials of the Royal Institute of Navigation: Air Commodore D.F.H. Grocott

Mr H.J. Agnew, Mr C.M.D. Honorary Treasurer: Captain R.A. Smith, RN Chairman of the Technical

Mr W.H. Sandford Chairman of the Membership and Fellowship Committee:

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to Hetty and Tim, twi-

CABSERATIS - Cape. George, on 7th November 1997, aged 38 years. Believed translate of Faulties, and dear father and generations. He will be saidly

DEATHS

Birthdays today

physicist. 94: Mr Harry Bramma, Director, Royal School of Church Music, 61; Lord Carr of Hadley. 81; Rear-Admiral Sir Nigel Cecil, 72: Lord Dainton, FRS, 83: Mr Jona-than Fenby, former Editor, The Observer, 55: Mr Ron Greenwood, former England football manager, 77: Air Marshal Sir Donald Hall. 67; Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, OM. 77; Sir Harold Kent, QC. 94; Sir Alister Kneller, former Chief Jus-Aliseer Kneiger, normer Chief his-tice of Gibraltar, 70; Mr Rodney Marsh, cricketer, 50; Miss Demi Moore, actress, 35; Miss Cristina Odone, former Editor, Catholic Herald, 37; Dr Indraprasad Patel, former Director, London School of Economics and Political Science, 73: Mr James Roose-Evans, the tre director and writer, 70: Mr Richard Rowe, racehorse trainer, 38: Mr John Sheffield, former chairman, Norcros. 84; Sir Peter Shepheard, architect, 84; General Sir Walter Walker, 85; Miss June Whitfield, actress, 72: Lord Wolfson, 70.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Johann Albert Pabricius, scholar, Leipzig, 1668: Louis de Bougainville, navigator and sci-entist. Paris, 1729; Pyodor enus, Paris, 1724; Pyckor Dostoyevsky, novelist. Moscow, 1821; Paul Signac, painter, pioneer of Pointillism. Paris, 1863; Edouard Vuillard, painter. Cinsceaux, France, 1868; George Patton, American general of the Second World War, San Gabriel California, 1885; Iain Macleod, politician. Skipton, Yorkshire, 1913.

DEATHS: Johann Zoffany, theurical painter, London, 1810; Sören Kierkegaard, philosopher, Copenhagen, 1855; Ned Kelly, outlaw, hanged, Melbourne, 1880; Thomas Trollope, writer, Clifton, Avon, 1892; Valentine Prinsep, artist, London, 1904; Sir Edward German, composer, London, 1936; Sir Alan (A.P.) Herbert, writer and politician, 1971; Alexander Calder, sculptor, New York, 1976. The Allies and Germany signed an

armistice at 11am, 1918. The Cenotaph in Whitehall, London, was unveiled and an Unknown Warrior was buried in Westminster Abbey, 1920. Rhodesia proclaimed a declaration of independence, 1965.

Legal appointments

Judge Nell Butter, QC, to be the Senior Circuit Judge at Central London County Court from January I, in succession to Judge Sir Frank White who will retire on December 31.

Dr David William Williams to be a full-time Social Security and Child Support Commissioner from January 5. He will be based in the London office of the Commisstoners.

Appointments

Rosemary Butler and Dr lan McKenzie Smith to the Museums & Galleries Commission. Councillor Butler is chairman of New-port Leisure Services Committee and a member of the Museums Association. Dr Smith is a former Director of Aberdeen Art Gallery and Museums and is secretary the Royal Scottish Academy.

Latest wills

Jean Catherine Homphreys, of Lymington, Hampshire, left estate valued at £3.514,150. She left £35,000 to the Distressed Gentiefolis's Ald Association and £12,000 to Age Concern.



Baroness Rendell of Babergh, the crime novelist Ruth Rendell, wearing ceremonial robes for her introduction as a new peer into the House of Lords yesterday

A ROMAN dam and reservoir, recently discovered near Dorchester, have solved the mystery of how the city of Durnovaria obtained its water supply. A small valley was blocked by an earthen barrage, from which a covered, timber-lined channel ran more than three miles to town.

Below the streets of modern Dorchester, Roman water mains and drains have been found in recent years, and the course of the aqueduct from the northwest has been known since 1900. It runs along the south side of the Frome Valley, past the Prince of Wales's new urban village of Poundbury. The problem has always been its large size: with a channel still three metres wide and 1.5 metres deep, its cross-sectional volume is greater even than the famous Pont du Gard near Nimes in Provence.

"Such an aqueduct could have delivered enough water for Roman London, let along

two planks were set on edge Bill Putnam, of Bournemouth University, who has spent six and packed in with turf, and years tracking down the the floor of the channel was source of the mystery and the sealed with a layer of clay. mystery of the source. His Then transverse planks investigations have shown were laid across the top to

that the large channel was close the channel and prevent unfinished, having been dug debris falling in Since no out but not lined or covered. nails were found, Mr Putnam suggests that the ends were notched, holding the side leaving the present prominent scar across the hillside. walls apart but easy to lift for The original aqueduct, constructed probably in the 1st century AD, was more modmaintenance and cleaning. A thin layer of chalk protected est. The stump of the earth the wooden channel. dam was found at the mouth The aqueduct probably of Steppes Bottom near functioned for several centu-Frampton, still surviving two ries, Mr Putnam believes, but-

metres high on one side of the later in Roman times it was little valley: it had originally decided to rebuild it, perhaps, been twice that height, but had in brick or stone; but the project was never completed, leaving its enigmatic scarprobably collapsed through The water channel was only clearly visible from both the 80 centimetres (2.5 feet) wide railway, and the A37 road to and a foot deep, "a reasonable tantalise travellers and arvolume for a small-town aquechaeologists. duct," Mr Putnam said. It was

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The engagement is unnounced between Paul, younger son of Rev Professor and Mrs Desmond Bowen, of Ottawa, Canada, and Mathilda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Hamer, of Rodmill

Mr B.A. Cockings and Miss R.M.G. Woodward The engagement is announced between Bruce, son of Mr Brian Cockings and the late Mrs Margaret Cockings, of Claybrooke Purva, Esicestershire, and Kare, only daughter of the late Mr Richard Woodward of Kidder-minster, Worcestershire, and of Mrs Rosaleen Meaden, of Wandsworth, London.

Mr M.R. Hirigoyen-Kelly, FRCS, and Miss N.A. McElhone The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Mr Bernard C. Hirigoyen, of Paris, France, and Ms Diane T. Kelly, of Ruthara, London, and Natascha, daughter of Mr. Michael Taylor, of Strickholm, Sweden, and Mrs Roy Greenslade, of Donegal, Ireland.

Mr P.J. Taylor and Miss R.J. Boobbyer The engagement is amounced between Philip, elder son of Mr-and Mrs John Taylor, of Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire, and Rebocza, younger daughter of the late Mr Nigel Boobbyer and of Mrs John Gibson and stepdanghter of Mr John Gibson, of Westerham, Kent.

Mr A.J.A. Ridge and Miss C.J.A. Froggati and Miss C.J.A. Program.
The engagement is announced between Angus, elder son of the late Mr lain Ridge and of Mrs lain Ridge, of Hildenborough, Kent. and Cheryl, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Frogram, of Gorton, Manchester. Mr T. van der Louw

and Miss C.C. Graves The engagement is announced between Taco, elder son of Mr and Mrs van der Louw, of Herwijnen, Holland, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Graves, of Guilden Sutton. Cheshire. Mr E.B. Williams-Thomas and Miss A.J. Kay

The engagement is announced between Ben, youngest son of Mr and Mrs David Williams-Thomas, of Birlingham, Worcestershire, and Amanda, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Nigel Kay, of Harare, Zimbabwe, and Ckelford,

Marriage

Commander S.A. O'Reilly, RN, The marriage took place on October 24, 1997, at St John the Baptist, Dartmouth, Devon, of Commander Sean O'Reilly, younger son of Mr and Mrs G.B. O'Reilly, of Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincolnshire, to Miss Tinah Toms, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs M.R. Toms, of Blackswinn, Devoa. The Rev Father T.M. Burns, SM. RN.

Dinners

Anglo-Inrael Association
Prince Michael of Kent attended
the annual dinner of the AngloIsrael Association held last night at
the Savoy Hotel. Mr. John Marthe Israel and the statement of the shall, chairman of the executive committee presided. Mr John Le Caure and Mr David Grossman were the guests of honour and speakers. Mr Zvi Gaby, Mr Jeffrey Greenwood, chairman of the dinner committee, Mrs Lilian Hochhauser and Mr Martin Green, joint deputy chairmen, and Mr David Sumberg, director of the ciation, also spoke.

Lord Mayor
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress. Mr Alderman and Mrs.
Richard Nichols, accompanied by
the Sheriffs, Mr Alderman David Howard and Mr Alderman Michnel Oliver, and their ladies enter-tained the opigoing Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir Roger Cork, at a banquet held last night at Guildhell. The Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir Roger Cork, the Arch-bishop of Canterbury, the Prime Minister and the Lord Chancellor were the speakers. Among others

DESCRIPTION NETS Mrs Blair, Mrs Carry, Lady Dvine of Lairy. the Speaker, the French Arnhassador, the Ambassador of Bresil and Smitori Barboss, the Ambassador of Thalland and Mrs Rayananonda, the Potentian And Mrs Rayananonda, chamberfain and the Countes of Artile, the Sixthey of London and Mris Chartres, Lord and Lady McNally, the Minister of Sure for Trade end Compactiveness in Europe and Lady Simon of Highbury, Lord lady Hamber of the Easter of Carhilli, the Master of the Eolis and and Lady Wood, the President of the familier of Lady Highbury, the Wice-Chancellor and Lady Scott, Lord Institute and Lady Hope and Lady Turner, but Justice and Lady Turner, but Justice and Lady Partier, the Paymaster General, the Pict. Sea Lady and Chief of the Navy Partier, the Paymaster General, the Pict. Sea Lady and Chief of the Navy Light and Lady Sanger, the Vice-Chief of the Diplomantic Corps and the Hon Lady Diplomantic Corps and the Hon Lady Diplomantic Corps and the Hon Lady

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Mr David Marshall, Chairman of the British group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, was the host at a dinner held last night on the RS Hispaniola in honour of a Parliamentary Delegation from the Czech Republic, led by Mrs

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Mr. Martin Calderbank, chairman, and Committee of the
Coningsby Club were the hosts at a dinner held last night at the Carison Club, Mrs Gillian hephard, Shadow Leader of the House of Commons, was the guest of honour and speaker.

was the speaker at a talk dinner held last night at the Athenaeum. William . Bonfield

Chambers of Carl Teper The Annual Dinner of the Chambers of Carl Teper was held last Friday evening at The Reform. Mr Malcohn Weisman, OBE, welcomed the guests, Mr Carl Teper proposed the toast to them and Judge Ann Goddard, QC, replied on their behalf. The guests included:

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Hack town hooker of Mary, David and johnny, Private funeral for handly, the village and very class hands at All Scient Chauch, Long Whatton on Priday November 14th at 250 pm. A March 16th risk at 15th FORRES - Mrs Josephine Cecilia Agnes "John", beloved mother of Felicity and quantimother of Alico and Benial, died pensathy on Thursday 6th November. Private creamation Tassay; lifth Assember at French Church, Winchester on Saturbay 6th Benmber at 11.30 am. Donations if desired to Lagge of Trimis Royal Brompton Hospital coJohn Stanks & Son, Cheef House, Winchester 1023 OHU. died peacefully at his home on the meaning of hovember 10th in his 76th year. French Barke at Golden Green Crematorium on Friday 14th Reveniber at 11.30 am. Friends and family. We flowers, temetions to Nurth Landau Hospice of Leventon & Sons, 624 Flonkley Bood, London 19411 785, on (0181) 465-4992. Cathering to remember him will be accuped. CLIMBET - Lt. Col. AV., Royal Irish Pashliers (retd.), November-17th 1967. 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HAROLD PLENDERLEITH

H. J. Plenderleith, museum conservator, died on November 2 aged 99. He was born on September 19, 1898

arold Plenderleith inherited from his father a love of art and music which never deserted him during a long md distinguished scientific career evoted to the care of beautiful things. He worked on some of the most important archaeological finds of the century: with Howard Carter on the Tutenkhamun remains, and on the Sutton Hoo ship burial

Harold James Plenderleith received his early education at the Harris Academy, Dundee, where his father taught art. His science degree at the University College of St Andrews was interrapted by the First World War, in which he was awarded an MC for an operation in which he captured a wounded German officer (he was himself later wounded at Ypres). He returned to university to complete his degree, but this time at University College, Dundee, from which he rerived a doctorate in 1923. Soon erwards, he joined the research iaboratory of the British Museum, under Alexander Scott, whom in due

course he succeeded as Keeper in 1949.

Under his direction, the laboratory went from strength to strength, gain-ing a unique position in the field of archaeological conservation. He used to describe himself as "a benevolent dictator", and the phrase was apt. Everyone consulted Plenderleith, and his responsibilities multiplied as the years went on and as advances were made in the application of chemistry to problems in museums and galleries. He built on the foundations laid by Priedrich Rathgen in Berlin and Gustav Rosenberg in Copenhagen to develop new techniques for conservation, and he worked with Sir Leonard Woolley on the finds from the important ex-

cavations at Ur in the 1920s and 1930s. The British Museum soon found that Plenderleith's chemical expertise was not only useful in conservation, but for analysis and technical examination antiquities. He began to radiograph objects and to conduct chemical analyses of unpromising residues. He worked with Howard Carter on the identification of materials from the tomb of Tutankhamun, and began the analysis of ceramics and metal. But he never forgot the reason for the establishment of a laboratory at the British Museum: the deterioration of many objects during the First World War, when they were hidden in the underground railway system to protect them from bombing.



Plenderleith (right) and Herbert Batten with finds from Sutton Hoo

As the clouds of war began to approach again in the 1930s, he worked with others on preventive conservation so that, when the collections had to be hidden again from enemy action in 1939, enough was known about the effects on art and antiquities of temperature and relative humidity for wartime storage to be safely achieved.

Plenderleith's natural ability and mounting experience brought him numerous and important outside contacts. Along with Sir Henry Lyons and Sir William Bragg, he sat on the honorary scientific advisory com-mittee of the National Gallery when it was first set up in 1935. He became chairman in 1944, and continued in that capacity until 1958, presiding over an enlarged body with extended terms of reference. He finally resigned

When the original International Institute for the Conservation of Muse-

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um Objects was incorporated in 1950, Plenderleith became its honorary trea-surer. He was president from 1965 to 1968. From 1936 to 1958 he was Professor of Chemistry at the Royal Academy of Arts in London, where he gave regular courses of instruction to students on the nature of pigments and related subjects. Characteristically, he went to lessons himself on matters outside his own immediate occupations before he would presume to address other people. As a lecturer he was lucid and practical, holding his hearers' attention by his obvious command of his brief.

After the war, Plenderleith took responsibility for the finds from the Anglo-Saxon royal ship burial at Sutton Hoo in Suffolk, which had been hastily excavated in the summer of 1939. The restoration of the helmet, shield and drinking horns from numerous small fragments was a triumph that added considerably to the

understanding of and respect for our Anglo-Saxon forebears. Another important postwar project was the commission of inquiry into the Van Meergen forgeries at the invitation of the Durch Government.

During all these years, Plenderleith travelled widely, becoming known in many countries of the world. So it was scarcely surprising when Unesco asked him to become the first Director of the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property; established in Rome in 1959. This was a loss to the British Museum, but the task in Rome required great courage and statesmanship. He was to become even more of an international figure before his retirement in 1971.

Plenderleith found time to write extensively on his own subject, but he was not a very ready scribe, and osition was laborious for he took fruitful pains to make everything clear even to the layman. His most important book was The Conservation of Antiquities and Works of Art (1956), and it was no small achievement to write it without introducing any mathematical formulae. He had the outlook and touch of the born conservator, with the ability to communicate his knowledge to others.

Plenderleith was a great raconteur. His account of a train journey across the Forth Bridge in a compartment alone with a lunatic was incomparable, as were many other anecdotes. He was the best of companions, given to a slightly pawky Scottish humour, combined with an infinite tenderness towards others, their feelings and their moods. It was this gift of sensing what the other fellow was thinking that made him such a good committee man. He also had a special charm for the elderly and the infirm. He inherited obligations of this nature, and he discharged them with unfailing patience. Many turned to him for counsel, and never in vain.

Socially, he enjoyed life in all its facets. He valued enormously his membership of the Athenaeum, and was semi-seriously put out during the annual closure - only to romp home again like a schoolboy when the period of exile was over.

Plenderleith was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in Edinburgh in 1934, and received an honorary doctorate from his old university in 1957. in 1959 he was appointed CBE. Many other academic accolades followed.

In 1926 he married Elizabeth Smyth of Meigle. Perthshire. There were no children, and she died in 1982. In 1988 he married Mrs Margaret MacLennan, by whom he is survived.

FRANK SCHAUFUSS

Frank Schooless, ballet dancer and director, died in Copenhagen on October 10 aged 75. He was born there on December 13, 1921.

IN THE immediate postwar days, before British audiences were fully aware of the Royal Danish Ballet and its exceptional standards, an enterprising small English company named Metropolitan Ballet somehow discovered that Copenhagen was an excellent source of fine male dancers. Among those who took leave of absence from the Royal Theatre in Copenhagen to dance with Metropolitan was Frank Schaufuss. who thus became one of the earliest partners of its 16-yearold ballerina Svetlana Beriosova.

This and other guest engagements — with Roland Petit's Ballets de Paris, with the Grand Ballet du Marquis de Chevas and later with the National Ballet of Canada provided variety and wider recognition in Schaufuss's career, but most of it was spent with the Royal Danish Ballet, both in its home theatre and on its international tours, mainly to Britain and the United States.

For some reason he seems to have made a slow start in Copenhagen. Although he entered the ballet school at the Royal Theatre in 1930, aged eight, he left for a while and studied instead with the eminent teacher Birger Bartholin, then joined a private company run by Niels Bjorn Larsen, 1940-41. Only after this did he return to the Royal Danish Ballet. His first big role came in 1944 as the Young Man in Harald Lander's Beethoven ballet Quasi una fantasia, and his promotion to solo dancer, the company's highest rank, was in 1949.

However, he did not lack for roles. Among the first in which his dashing personality made a distinctive impression were two romantic comedies by guest choreographers. Leon-ide Massine cast Schaufuss in his own former role as the Hussar in Le Beau Danube, and David Lichine picked him for the Drummer's solo in Graduation Ball, which



showed off his crisp technique and virile attack.

Schaufuss's flamboyant personality was best displayed, however, when Frederick Ashton created the role of Mercutio on him in the first West European production of Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet. His height, his dark good looks and his assured partnering were seen also as Siegfried in Swan Lake, in the Nutcracker pas de deux and even in Les Sylphides; these roles from the international classics suited him better than the distinctively Danish repertoire by the great 19thcentury choreographer Au-

gust Bournonville. In 1952 he first turned his hand to choreography with Idolon. From 1956 to 1958 he was the company's director (a post that changed hands frequently during that decade) and made two more ballets. Fever and Opus 13; for the latter he also did his own stage setting and costumes.

A couple of other creations, Garden Party and Aspects, followed during the mid-Sixties. But although he mainly used attractive music by Richard Strauss, Tchaikovsky, Glazunov and Rachmaninov (Ole Schmidt's new score for Fever was the sole exception). none of his works lasted more than a couple of seasons, and the last of them, Aspects in 1967, suffered the ignominy of being withdrawn after only two performances.

From 1959 until 1968 Schaufuss was also one of the company's official teachers, and after retiring from the company he and his wife, the former ballerina Mona Vangsage, established a school, the Danish Ballet Academy, from which they also formed a company at the New Theatre, Copenhagen.

This did not last more than a few years, however, and further schools and other commercial enterprises which Schaufuss later started from time to time all showed him better at the initial organisation of a project than at maintaining it over a period. In view of his early connec-

tion with a British ballet company, it was apt that Frank Schaufuss's farewell from the stage came with another, London's Festival Ballet, when on the initiative of his son, the dancer Peter Schaufuss, then its director, Frederick Ashton co-operated with Niels Biorn Larsen and others in reconstructing his long-neglected Romeo and Juliet. Several dancers who had taken part in the premiere three decades earlier were invited to play small roles in the revival; among them, the erstwhile Mercutio now appeared in the mimed part of the Prince of Verona.

Frank Schaufuss was made a Knight of the Dannebrog for his services to Danish ballet. Mona Vangsaae divorced him (and she died in 1983); he is survived by their son Peter Schaufuss, by his adopted daughter Pook (the child of Vangsaae's earlier marriage). and by his second and their

ENA NEILL

Ena Neill, former bead of Summerhill, died on October 26 aged 87. She as born on May 29, 1910.

FOR more than half a century, Ena Neill helped to run "that dreadful school", Summerhill, one of Britain's first and most internationally renowned progressive schools. The widow of A. S. Nelll, the controversial child educator who founded

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Summerhill 76 years ago, Ena played an indefatigable part in helping her husband in the day-to-day running of the school and ultimately in ensuring its survival.

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H. G. Wells, J. M. Barrie and Henry Miller, as well as writing books and articles and dealing with inquiries from the world's press.

Physically and emotionally robust. Ena worked extremely hard and suffused Summerhill with her tierce moral will. Though loving and affectionate, at times she could appear

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nie corresponded with Bert- stern and forbidding if child-rand Russell, Wilhelm Reich, ren overstepped the tricky boundary between permissible and unpermissible behaviour. Beneath a forthright and capable front, however, she hid a vulnerability. In the shadow of her famous husband, she was sometimes deeply hurt by those who underestimated or neglected her contribution to the school. Brought up in West Mall-

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ing, Kent, Ena suffered from TB as a child and was taught at home for four years. After leaving school she went to London to train as a nurse. Distressed by the rigid and apparently unfeeling way in which children were treated in hospitals, however, she left nursing to marry her childhood sweetheart, Bill Wood, an illustrator, in 1933. They had a son, Peter, whom they put on the waiting list for the school which the popular press dubbed the "do-as-youplease, anything-goes, freedom school".

dren should have "freedom to grow at their own pace, freedom from all indoctrination, religious, political, moral: freedom for children to live in their own community, making their own social laws". So Summerhill, which is once again under threat of closure, is intended to be a community of equals, in which adults do not impose their wills on children. Whole-school meetings determine rules, and weekly tribunal meetings impose punishments. Lessons are voluntary, there are no school uniforms, swearing is permitted and the school has an open and supportive attitude to sexuality.

A. S. Neill believed that chil-

Some time after Peter was born, the couple split up and he was sent to Summerhill while his mother worked in London making hats and in a photographic studio. When the studio was destroyed by a wartime bomb. Ena was offered a job in America, but Neill persuaded her instead to become a cook at Summerhill,



which was moving to Wales. Her managerial talents were recognised after a measles epidemic and she took over the running of the school from Neill's first wife, whom she nursed through her final

In 1944, at the age of 34, Ena

married Neill, who at 61 was 27 years her senior. A year later Summerhill returned to Leiston in Suffolk, where she supervised the cooking, cleaning and looked after the school's houseparents. Two years later their daughter Zoe was born.

As A. S. Neill grew older and became increasingly caught up with the public side of the school's life. Ena took on more and more administration. As well as organising, country dancing, sewing and cookery classes, she looked after the catering, the housekeeping, sick children and the accounts. When he died in 1973, she formally took over as head and assumed the additional responsibilities of hiring staff and occasionally expelling children for the greater excesses. Less comfortable than her husband with the media spotlight, she tended to shun dealings with the press and to concentrate on

cording to her husband's te-nets for 12 years to 1985, when she relinquished the headship to her daughter, Zoe Readhead, but even then she continued living in a house in the grounds and played a part in running the school until about four years ago.

She ran Summerhill ac-

managing school life.

She was interested in antique furniture, drawing, painting and gardening, and in the cottage that her husband bought her in a nearby village as a weekend retreat she delighted in choosing furnishings, decorating and planting the garden. She was an enthusiastic and accomplished cook, and loved family life, the rituals of Christmas and giving children presents. Although nat especially well-educated, she took a keen interest in world events and read biographies

voraciously. She was devoted to her four grandchildren, all of them Summerhill pupits. Her son Peter, who worked at Summerhill died in 1978, but she is survived by her

REFEREES.

ON THIS DAY (FROM A CORRESPONDENT.) in this country and here and there in the November 11, 1907 Colonies the voice of the umpire or referee in any co-operative pastime is generally re-garded as the word of God; its categorical negative is respected by players and spec-tators alike. It is seldom so in the United "There can be no doubt whatever . . . that the

es, where the standard of sportsmanshi in such maners is set by professional baseball players, and speciators invariably attempt to "rattle" or confuse the referee when a decision unfavourable to the local champions seems probable. One of the evil consequences of professionalism in Association football is a marked tendency to lower the status of the referee to that of the official in charge of an American baseball match. The crowd at a contest between League clubs or a Cup tie pays to see the home team win, or at any rate draw, and its hostility to the visiting players is a most important factor in the struggle. Two out of every three League matches brought to a definite conclusion are won by the home side, and the proportion is slightly larger in the case of Cup ties between professional teams, where this many-headed hostility assumes an even more lerocious aspect ...

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admitted - that the referee's judgement is appreciably affected by the animus of the gigantic gatherings (10,000 to 50,000 persons thinking and yelling like one; which are attracted by the Saturday displays of professional football. He is continually being tempted to decide a doubtful question in favour of the home side, the dissatisfaction of the visiting team, 11 disciplined players, and of a comparatively small number of travelling supporters being a very small thing in comparison with the whole crowd's nerveshattering paroxysm of unreasonable wrath. If there is any real weakness in his character,

this temptation makes a conquest of him, his habit of discrimination becomes glaringly obvious, and sooner or later his name has to be quietly removed from the official list. Much more often than not however, the professional referee is a person of strong character and unquestionable probity, who, but for this hostility of the crowd and the unwritten law that the game is not to be made slow and unauractive by the frequent imposition of penalties, howsoever well deserved, would do everything in his power to purge professional football of foul play, "We do our best," said one of these men to the writer. "and are always in good condition and able to keep up with the game. If we had a really free hand we could make it clean in a single season. But there would be a great outery from the people who are out after gate money if the game was always being stopped and half a dozen players were sent off the field in several instances every Saturday. Personally I do not think the attitude of the crowd much affects my decisions. I may be unconsciously affected at times; I have never tried to think that out, But there are times when the ill-feeling of a big, ignorant crowd puts my back up; and then there is a temptation to give doubtful points against the local formulation. incal favourites.



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So who is this Marco Negri that everybody is talking about? Why? Are there lots of other Marco Negris that nobody is talking about?

In Rome, probably. I mean the one in Glasgow.

Ob. that Marco Negri. He plays for Rangers. I had got that far. I want to know where he suddenly sprang from. I read last week that most of the people who win the ITF monthly prizes have him in their teams. How did they

What are you trying to say? I suppose I'm trying to say "Why didn't I know about him?" Failure of your scouting system, old chap. We've had this conversation before

But about Negri ... Came from Perugia in Italy for £3.5 million in the summer. Scored 15 goals in 27 games for a team that got relegated, including six in the last four matches.

And all that against Italian defences. Absolutely. So anyone with half a brain should have known what he

would do against Dunfermline and company. You said it, I didn't. But you're being hard on yourself. A lot of people thought that Brian Landrup would score more points this season than he has so far. The trouble is, it would be a little expensive to rectify the

Negri situation. Ah yes - player revaluation, of course. £3.5 million was affordable. Since the first revaluation, he

would now cost me twice that. But are you sure your own strikers aren't up to the job? Well, you remember I was thinking of pepping up my forward line?

And every striker you considered immediately stopped You do remember. Anyway, I did a little wheeler-dealing

and brought in Chris Sutton - Glenn Hoddle obviously agreed with me, because he put him in the England squad - and although he had a header saved, he didn't actually score himself. Neither did Negri, of course.

Eh? What's that?

Yes, Rangers won the Old Firm game, but it was Richard Gough who scored the goal. Maybe I should pay closer attention to the Scottish results.

I think my point about scouting is made. Still, it's all a bit academic.

How do you mean?

I had to move so many players around to raise the cash for Sutton that I've used up all my transfers until December

Has your side got that Barnsley feeling? Take heart from one team which has jumped no fewer than 58,000 places this month alone.

Barnsley manager, faces a long struggle if he is to lift his team the three places up the FA Carling Premiership table to safety. He may take inspiration from some examples of Interactive Team Football managers who have recently made far more spectacular leaps in the listings, thanks to extensive use of

the transfer system.

Mr G. Millington, of Worksop, has seen his team, Survivors (a message for Barnsley there?) jump 2,491 places since the end of October, to the heady heights of 238th; in other words, among the contenders. The big names, like Negri and Schmeichel, have all been in and out of the side.

An even bigger jump was recorded by Mr S. Cranshaw, of Cheadle, whose Sweet FA ended October 29 placed 689th. 220 points later, he has risen to 4,801st; the last-minute signing of Teddy Sheringham and Kjell Oloisson, both of whom scored twice on Sunday, made a significant difference. Lower down the ITF tables, a few points can trigger a rise or fall of thousands of places. Jacqueline Gillies, October's winner of the Women's League, scored a relatively modest 174 points, but it was enough to boost her position in the main ITF league by no fewer than 58,712 places. "Unbelievable," she said. Only

another 28,812 to go.





Persevere, though, and you will get there in the end. George Weiss, aka Rainbow George, has entered ITF in both the previous two years, but now, for the first time, sees his selection, Rainbows Topseam, stand proudly at the

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Sutton: second top ITF striker, England squad mem-ber, but no goals on Saturday

head of the ITF listings. "I'm quite thrilled," he said. "I don't expect to stay there very long: I've got, I think, one transfer to go." His best deal of the past week was to sign David James in place of Schmeichel worth, in total, 13 points. He applied, unsuccessfully, for the Newcastle manager's job after the resignation of Kevin Keegan. After this, Sir John Hall might wish he had reconsidered. But if the Barnsley job



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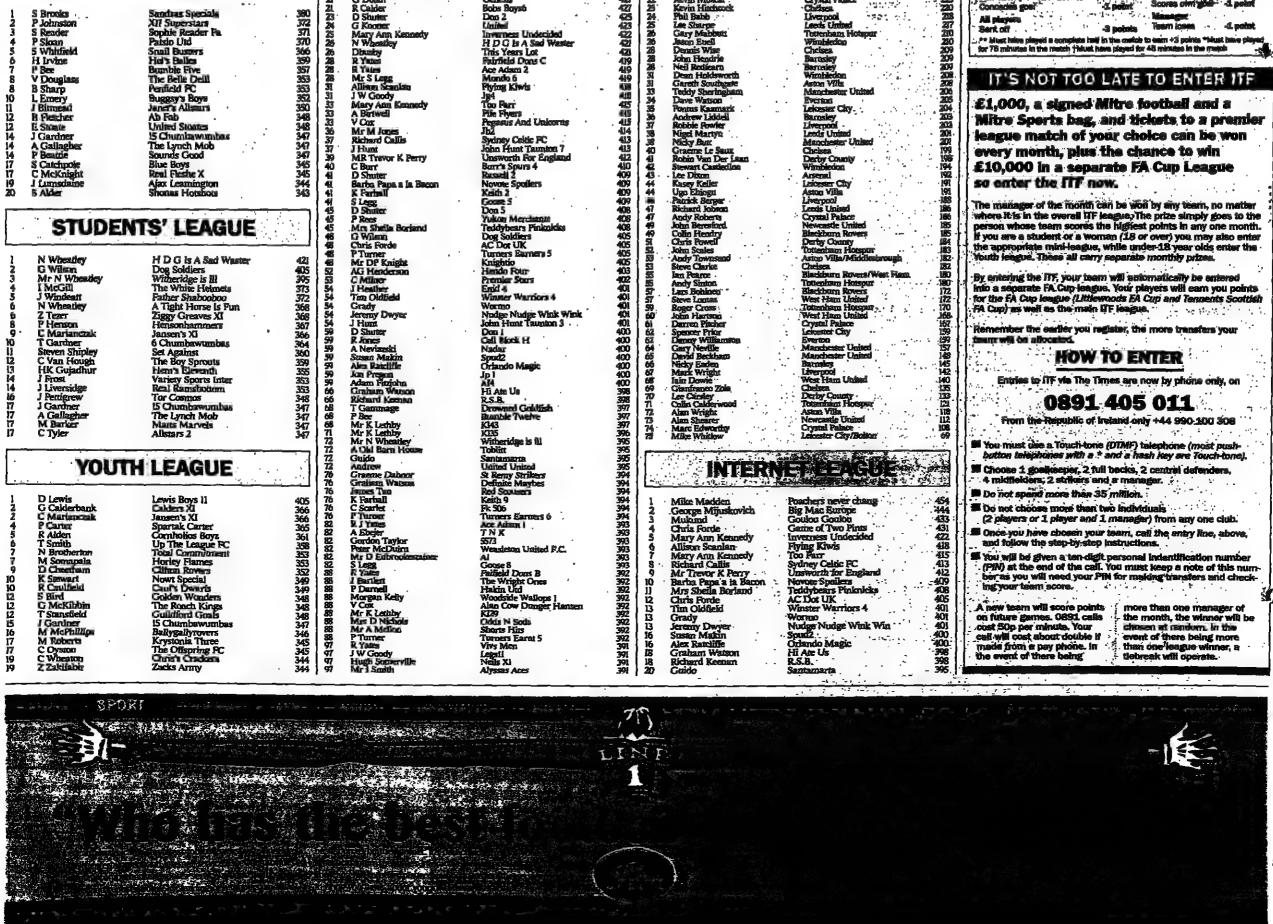
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Your full guide to ITF players and transfers

Like the stock market, even your best gilt-edged ITF investments can bring a surprisingly poor return

t has been an uncomfortable few weeks for investors. A wobble on the Far East markets, and those building society windfalls start to Jackey with all start to summine in value from a flown-payment on a BMW to a cash offer on a tenth-hand Mini. As they say, shares can go down as well as up.

This week god demonstrated. This weekend demonstrated

that the same is true of ITF. Entrants: with Manchester United players, in particular, inay find that previously giltpaged investments have somewhat tarnished. Up to
Saturday, Peter Schmeichel,
the goalkeeper; was a consistent scorer of points: three for
every goalless half, of which
there were plenty, as the there were plenty, as the United forwards kept visitors to Old Trafford busy at the other end.

All very well when Barnsley and Sheffield Wednesday were being thrashed; but Sunday's visit to Highbury, which ended in a 3-2 defeat for Alex Ferguson's team, was also an unpleasant surprise for ITF managers with Schmeichel in their teams. An overall score of minus five (one for an appearance, but minus two for each goal conceded) is a most untypical Schmeichel score.

Dennis Irwin, the full-back, was not playing as a result of a notorious tackle last Wednes-day (so should be transferred if possible), but he finds his



ber 2. Defenders, who can lose points easily, are prey to an overall fall in their scores. Even an international player

like Slaven Bilic, the Everton central defender, has slumped from the none-too-impressive total of minus three on the same date, to an even more inglorious minus ten after Everton's defeat on Saturday, during which he received yet another yellow card. Even that pales by compari-

son to the minus scores accu-mulated by some Barnsley defenders, although few ITF entrants who are not ardent Tykes fans will have chosen David Watson, Arjan de Zeeuw or Adrian Moses; Moses received a yellow card at The Dell on Saturday, conceded a penalty, and was part of a



Walker: unfamiliar pleasure of a clean sheet and victory this week

Barnsley defence and the Red Sea were inevitable.

They used to sing "You'll never beat Des Walker" during Walker's heyday at Not-tingham Forest, but most other players in the ITF lists have managed it so far. Walk-er had the unfamiliar pleasure of a clean sheet and a victory this weekend, but he is still some way below his mid-September total.
The ITF storing system makes it difficult for midfield

players or forwards to lose points, but Savo Milosevic managed it last week with no goals and a yellow card in Villa's defeat by Chelsea.



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Louise Woodward freed by judge

Louise Woodward was freed from jail after her conviction for murdering eight-month-old Matthew Eappen was reduced to involuntary manslaughter. Judge Hiller B. Zobel cut a mandatory life sentence to one of 279 days - the time she has already spent in prison. Before doing so, he said: "I do not denigrate Matthew Eappen's death or his family's grief. It is in my judgment time to bring the judicial part of this matter to a compassionate conclusion"...... Pages 1, 3, 12

Labour must give back £1.5 million gift

■ Labour was ordered by the new Public Standards watchdog to return a £1.5 million donation from the head of Formula One racing. The decision followed 72 hours of pressure on Labour to confirm its financial links after Grand Prix were excluded from the Government's ban on tobacco sponsorship ... Page I

One euro, two views

Tony Blair promised to be a leader in Europe as he prepared to deliver Labour's most enthusiastic endorsement of the European single currency. But William Hague likened supporters to "lemmings"... ...Page I

Japanese apology

The Anglican church in Japan has issued a public apology for its "sin" in having allowed "the war of aggression by Japan"... Page 4

Stubbed in train A woman stabbed in the head on

a train managed to walk to an adjoining carriage to seek help with the 5in blade still embedded up to the hilt, a court wasPage 5 Fewer salmon

An ambitious plan to restock the Thames with salmon after 140

years is being threatened by drought and higher water temperatures... .. Page 6 Silent cyberpets Todd Green, 10, has come up with

a solution to one of the biggest

problems facing young people -

how to keep cyberpets silent yet

alive while their owners are at

Schools named Ministers promised to carry on "naming and shaming" the worst schools despite teachers' claims that the approach was a political ..Page 8

Shoppers 'duped'

Shoppers are being duped by the food industry, according to reports published by a leading retailer and the Consumers' Association

Shelley story

A leading British publisher was hoping to negotiate the rights to a long-lost children's story by Mary Shelley that was recently discov-Page 14 ered in Italy Clinton blow

President Clinton suffered a devastating setback to his foreign and economic policy when he failed to win authority from Congress to strike international trade deals...

Peace timetable

Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, unveiled plans to seek co-operation from Tony Blair to accelerate the timetable of peace talks with the Palestinians...Page 16

U2 flights go on

The United States resumed uninterrupted U2 reconnaissance flights over Iraq as Washington struggled to muster support at the United Nations for a tough response to Iraq's defiance Page 17

Frontier hope

President Yeltsin and Jiang Zemin, his Chinese counterpart, ended a long-running border dispute that in the late Sixties almost led to nuclear war Page 19

Wooden 'Stonehenge' temple found

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Archaeologists have discovered traces of a huge and elaborate wooden temple from 5,000 years ago. It was once one of the most important ceremonial sites in England, comparable to Stonehenge. Nine concentric rings of oak pillars once stood on the site at Stanton Drew, Somerset, surrounded by an



The Duke of York with Peter Reid, the manager of Sunderland Football Club, at the official opening of the club's Stadium of Light

British Telecom is to sell its 20 per cent stake in MCI for £4.1 billion after the US telecom proup bowed to a fresh bid from WorldCorn. a rival Bronb ---.... Page 29

Levitt: The Department of Trade and Industry has abandoned attempts to seek the extradition of the disgraced financial services salesman but said he will be arrested if he returns to Britain Page 29

Engineering: BTR, the engineering giant, made the first significant disposal of its recently announced restructuring plan, selling the bulk of its polymers division for ES15 Page 29

Markets: The FT-SE 100 rose 42.5 to 4806.8. Sterling fell to 102.7 after falling from \$1.6943 to \$1.6872 and DM2.8901 to DM2.8875.... Page 32

Rugby union: There are five new caps in the England team to play Australia including two from Bath. Matt Perry at full back and Andy Long at hookerPage 56

Motor racing: Michael Schumacher and the McLaren and Williams teams, appear today before a disciplinary hearing convened by the world governing body. Page 56 Footbell: Roy Evans of Liverpool.

is considering bidding for a new centre back either Olexandr Golovko, of Dynamo Kiev, or Erik Hoftun, of Rosenborg Page 52

Tennis: Greg Rusedski has been drawn in a group with Pete Sampras, Patrick Rafter and Carlos Moya in the ATP world championship. His first match is against

Latin lover: Starting his first London residency, the pianist Danilo Perez is bringing the sunshine of his native Pahama into the world of investigates ... contemporary jazz...... Page 38

disappointed in Manchester, the combined choirs of King's and St John's Colleges more than compensated in Cambridge ____ Page 38 Life or death: Two new exhibitions deal in different ways with mortal-

Voice choice: If Jessye Norman

ity - The Quick and the Dead at the Royal College of Art, and Holbein's Ambassadors at the National Gallery ____ Page 39

Class sot: The offer of a plum role at the National Theatre has temporarily deprived television drama of one of its most familiar faces — that of Patrick Malahide Page 40

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Battle stations: Rachel

finest naval landmarks

Interface names the

11 projects that won

this year's British

■ INTERFACE

Kelly on the conservation

clash over one of Britain's

HOMES

Spice split: What lies behind the Spice Girls decision to split from their manager? Mike Pattenden

Mystery Hnees: The novelist Piers Paul-Read reveals how he was plagued by an illness that left him feeling as though he had been "beaten black and blue" ... Page 20 Hit squad: The right to hit my children would leave me feeling ashamed and humiliated, says Rachel Morris Page 20

Be prepared: Brian Collett ex plains how exporters seiling to EU countries adopting the single currency face trouble....

Too cook "The only time she showed raw emotion was when she collapsed at the guilty verdict . . . if she had shown half the hysteria of some of her supporters, perhaps the verdict would have been different." Victoria McKee on Louise Woodward

What can be done for Algeria? In the middle are the people. The Algerian population is intoxicated by violence, it is saturated with terror, exhausted by brutality. It is a mar-Computer Society medals – Le Monde tyred population

Previou: Who would marry a professional footballer? Cutting Edge (Channel 4, 9pm). Review: Joe Joscph on the magic ingredient in sporting success........ Pages 54, 55

Party prix

Tony Blair is now feeling for the first time what it is like to be in the middle of major allegations of _ Page 23

Sceptics at the CBI

If the Chancellor is not to be allowed to join EMU in this Parliament, he seems determined instead to bring it in by stealth Page 23

Interests of justice The outcome to this trial reached last night - provisional as it remains - will strike many, perhaps most, as still unsatisfactory. But it

is much better than it looked ten days ago _____ Page 23

LIBBY PURVES

There is a strident intolerance about the pub crowd in Elton, with its yellow ribbons and balloons and its convenient alliance with an au pair agency rightly terrified of an Eappen lawsuit. Sentimentality and self-interest have merged into a mob mentality, quite seriously nesty_ _ Page Z

ANATOLE KALETSKY

The only reasonable conclusion to draw is that most companies are either indifferent to EMU, or have taken conscious decisions to stay on the fence ____ Page 22 ANNA SOMERS COCKS

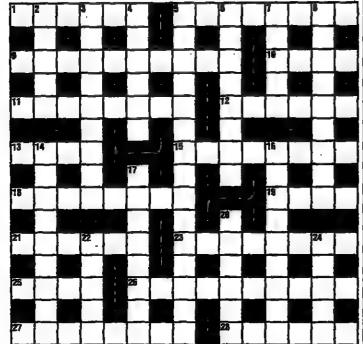
What do you do if something is unrestorable? Damien Hirst's shark is less than five years old but aiready it looks shabby Page 22 PETER RIDDELL

A Government that was elected to clean up politics must be seen to have clean hands. But this has been undermined by its mishandling of the decision to exempt Formula One from the ban on tobacco sponsorship..... .. Page 2

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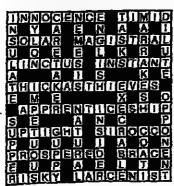
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- 11 Drove off regular beat in light of traffic hold-up (8).
- 12 Atlas, perhaps, right for one who wanders (6).
- 3 13 American Indian dance with single accompaniment (4).
- 15 Representative signs books, surrounded by people (8).
- 18 Fetching drink to be distributed
- around merry board (8). a 19 Chills South with lead of diamonds (4).

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- Spurs, for example, getting goals
- at both ends (4). 26 Tumbledown lodge to try a hermit (10).
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- as soon as royal money is distributed (5.2.8).
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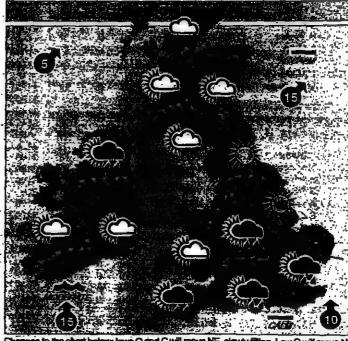
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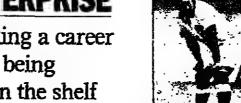
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Global outlook

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BT makes big profit even though defeated in world's biggest takeover

WorldCom pays \$37bn for MCI



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high-quality video link from the US. Sir Inin Vallance, BT

chairman, and Sir Peter Bonfield, chief executive, al-

most purred with pleasure yesterday over the WorldCom-

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The top BT managemen emphasised the instant \$465

million (£275 million) break-

up fee plus \$7 billion, or \$51

per share, for BT's 137 million

shares in MCI. BT shares rose llp to 465p on the news.

Sir Peter emphasised that

the pre-tax gain of about \$2.7 billion for BT, including the

break-up fee, vindicated BT's original decision to invest in, MCl at \$32 a share. But City

analysts asked whether BF had simply taken the money

and run at the expense of an

Sir Peter and Sir lain were

emphatic that Concert Com-

munications Services, the joint

enture between BT and MCI

specialising in corporate com-munications, left the British

group in a strong position. It had a non-exclusive five-year

distribution deal in the US

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BY RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

approached by other US com-panies. "We will now be

looking at investments in the

US and other parts of the world, said Sir lain, who also

did not rule out other options

such as share buybacks if they

were in the best interests of

shareholders at the time.

Sir Peter confirmed yester-

day's City speculation that Cable & Wireless might be a

possible partner, but added that it had proved impossible

to put together a workable deal in discussions last year.

He added: "We parted as good friends. Whether there

are other opportunities we can

do with them we shall just

The BT executives argued that departing from the fray was inevitable once a strong counter-bid came from a US

telecommunications company

because it could have far

greater synergies and far

greater savings than an over-

bidding at that sort of level. It

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that a likely outcome now seemed to be that BT would

find another American part-ner to work with in the US.

City analysts speculated

seas operators such as BT: Sir Peter said: "We would not want to have got into the

have to see."

WORLDCOM has secured victory in its battle for MCI with the world's biggest ever takeover bid. Its revised \$37 billion offer won the support of MCI executives to defeat a rival \$28 billion bid from GTE. Victory was handed to WorldCom when British Telecom agreed to self

its 20 per cent MCI stake to World-Com for \$7 billion in cash, yielding BT a \$2.25 billion pre-tax profit on its investment. BT, of which Sir Peter Bonfield is chief executive, will also receive a \$465 million penalty fee for the break-up of its proposed merger

cations group after AT&T and the world's largest Internet service provider. It will offer a full range of communications services in the US and 200 other countries. The takeover dwarfs the previous two record deals: Nynex-Bell Atlantic and RJR Nabisco, worth \$25 billion.

Bernie Ebbers, the WorldCom chairman who will be chief executive of MCI WorldCom, said he expects to achieve cost savings of \$20 billion as well as open up significant new revenue opportunities. WorldCom will assume \$5 billion of MCI debt. The companies hope the deal can be completed by mid-1998. However, regulatory approval is by no means

Ebber said: There are no circumstances in which the transaction

He claimed that his team had identified new synergies after start-ing detailed talks with MCI and inspecting MCI's books. He said: The increase in the price has also to do with the cash that BT gets. The number of WorldCom shares given to MCI shareholders stays the same."

Bert Roberts, the MCI chairman who will be chairman of MCI World-Com, said with regards to the cost savings: "We will make great gains just from the difference in hotel rates in London and Jackson, Mississippi." Mr Roberts said he had informed

GTE of the WorldCom deal and indicated that a counterbid was extremely unlikely.

Both men were at pains to praise BT. Mr Roberts said: "There was nothing wrong with the BT merger But after the board had a detailed look at what WorldCom had to offer is decided that it was a better alternative. When you are in a revolution things don't always hap-pen in an orderly fashion. MCI could stand for More Changes Imminent." MCI and WorldCom have not yet decided their future participation in Concert, the joint venture set up by MCI and BT, which has a call option on MCI's 25 per cent stake.

finance director of MCI WorldCorn, said: "BT wanted cash — or green-backs as they say. They didn't want to hold 8 or 9 per cent of WorldCom."

WorldCom had offered BT a partnership, but BT executives are said not to have felt comfortable with Mr Ebbers. The cowboy-booted ex-Olympic basketball player yesterday demonstrated how much time he has for business enquene. Two sentences into reading a prepared statement he paused and told reporters: "Hell, you can tell I wrote this myself." After another two sentences he discarded the script littered with phrases like "esteemed entrepreneurs". At the end of the press conference he told reporters "Go, buy some stock."

How BT got its wires crossed in phone war

THESE are the key dates in BT's on-off, off-on bid to form a transatlantic telecommunications group. Thwarted in its efforts to go global, BT will bank a \$2.25 billion profit on its MCI investment and suffer a \$465 million severance fee. June 2, 1993: Sir Iain Vallance, executive chairman of British Telecom, secures victory in his three-year campaign to break into America by setting up a joint venture with MCI nen, as now, the secondlargest long-distance carrier in the US. It agrees to pay \$4.3 billion (then £2.82 million) for a 20 per cent stake, and to

November 15, 1995: Concert, a joint venture between BT and MCI, is born. It was set up to help both companies conquer overseas markets.

May 2, 1996: After merger
talks with Cable and Wireless,
BT pulls out of the £33 billion

deal in a row over price. July 16, 1996: At BT's annual meeting, Sir lain heaps praise on its Concert joint venture, which by then had won 2,500 major customers. August 1996: MCI holds merger talks with GTE, Amer-

ica's third-largest local telecoms company. They come

November I. 1997: BT proposes a \$20 billion (£12.1 billion) merger with MCI. Concert, the joint venture's name, is to be adopted for the whole group. Sir lain denies the MCI deal is second-best to Cable and Wireless. June 23, 1997: BT recruits Bill

Cockburn, then chief executive of WH Smith, as managing director of BT's UK operations. He is not offered a place

July 10, 1997: MCI issues a profits warning, and watches its shares plunge 20 per cent. BT's shares also plunge. August 21, 1997: BT and MCI enter emergency talks to rene-gotiate the deal. Some institunoral shareholders call on BT to call everything off. A day later, it emerges with a cash and shares bid worth \$22.5 billion (£11 billion), including a golden parachute which will deliver £275 million should

October 1, 1997: WorldCom beats BT with a \$30 billion (£18.5 billion) offer. But this is payable through WorldCom's highly-valued shares rather than cash. WorldCom attempts to unravel the severance deals with BT in legal

October 15, 1997: GTE enters the arena with a \$28 billion (El8 billion) cash bid. October 23, 1997: BT agrees to enter talks with GTE, aiming to agree a three-way merger with MCI and thwart WorldCom.

November 10, 1997: BT walks away after WorldCom puts in a knock-out \$37 billion bid. The deal is still in paper, but MCI accepts. BT agrees to sell its 20 per cent stake for \$7 billion, making a \$2.25 billion profit, and pockets the severance fee. Analysts say it must now find another global

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UK equity bargains lure fund managers

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY ECONOMICS COURESPONDENT

FUND managers are returning to the UK equity market in search of bargains after the recent stock market tumble. The monthly Merrill Lynch Gallup survey of UK fund managers showed buying interest among institutions at its strongest level for two years while institutional cash balances are also high.

Fund managers also strong ly favour gilts, reflecting expectations that recent rate rises will slow the economy over the next year. Trevor Greetham, global strategist at Merrill Lynch, said: The message is that 1997 problems are not the same as in 1987. Fund managers are keen on buying gilts as they are expecting growth to slow and this is providing some support to equity prices."
The FTSE 100 yesterday

made modest gains, closing up 42.5 points at 4,806 after an early rise on Wall Street.

High street sales bounced back last month after a weak September, a new British Retail Consortium survey published today shows. The annual value of retail sales increased 5 per cent on a like-for-like basis compared with growth of just 2.1 per cent in September. Andrew Higginson, chair man of the BRC economic affairs committee, said that there were few signs in the data to suggest overheating or inflationary pressure for the wider

economy. Separate data showed pipeline inflation pres-

sures remain subdued with

raw material prices falling 0.2

per cent in October.

Managers buy polymers division of BTR for £515m

BIR made the first significant disposal of its restructuring yesterday, selling the bulk of its polymers division for £515 million in the second-largest UK management buyour in 1997. The 33 businesses sold made an operating profit of £65 million on sales of £471 million in 1996, and have net assets of about

BTR shares edged ahead from 2002p to 2013p. The deal is the

second-largest MBO of the year for & General and management are Britain's venture capitalists, beaten providing £175 million of equity only by a healthcare purchase by Cinvert. This is the the 19th MBO of a BTR business since the start of 1995, according to the Centre for Management Buyout Research at

Nottingham University.
The buyout vehicle is called UniPoly, and the deal is being funded by Legal & General Ventures and Japan's Fuji Bank. Legal

funding. The insurer is also contributing another £50 million mezzanine funding, with £395 million senior debt from Fuji. Six managers

will own 18 per cent of the equity. Lawrie Cant, former head of the polymer products division, becomes chief executive of UniPoly, which will aim for a stock market listing in three to five years.

DTI abandons attempts to bring Levitt back from US

By Jon Ashworth

THE Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) has abandoned attempts to seek the extradition of Roger Levitt, the disgraced finanrial envices salesman - but said be would be arrested should he return

The winner: Bernard J. Ebbers, president and chief executive officer of WorldCom

The decision, on the eve of a High Court hearing into the legalities of the extradition move, was disclosed in Parliament yesterday. Mr Levitt, who moved to New York with his family last year, was arrested and subsequently released on \$1 million bail, after it emerged that the alleged offence - furnishing false information to DTI inspectors was not covered by the US-UK

extradition treaty.
Nigel Griffiths, Consumer Affairs Minister, told Parliament that the extradition request had been made on advice from independent counsel. He added: "In the light of

arguments presented on behalf of Mr Levitt, my department has reviewed the decision. and concluded that the extradition request. . be withdrawn."

Warrants remain open in the UK for Mr Levitt's arrest in connection with the false information charge. He is also charged with serving as a shadow director of a boxing promotion group - in defiance of a disqualification order of 1993.



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Beckett to name poor performing industries

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

lower levels of investment.

marketing poor".

moving to the UK.

that when planned invest-ments come fully on stream,

Britain is expected to overtake

Germany and become the largest manufacturer of semi-

conductors in Europe. But the Government will say that the

UK's growth in this sector is

directly attributable to success in attracting inward invest-

ment, mentioning companies

The sharp criticisms in the

DTI's sectoral reports — the

others are on chemicals, tele-

communications and textiles

are likely to provoke angry

responses from sectors keen to

Mrs Beckett will also an-

such as Siemens.

defend their record.

The Government will today identify key sectors of British industry that need to improve their performance in order to increase the UK's economic

Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, will detail government studies of seven industrial areas that, for the first time, will make clear their weaknesses as well as

praising their strengths.

Competitiveness UK - a
Benchmark for Business will show that the main companies in Britain suffer in comparison, with high-performing firms in other European countries. A White Paper on the issue is planned next year.

Mrs Beckett will tell the Confederation of British Industry's annual conference in Birmingham that while many industrial sectors have great strengths, to ignore their weaknesses would run the risk of seeing no improvements in their performance.

On Britain's £12 billion mo-

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Dick Brown, left, chairman, and Graham Wallace, announce doubling of CWC profits

Sky package offer for all CWC subscribers

BY RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

A PAY-PER-VIEW movie service will be offered to the more than one million subscribers of Cable & Wireless Communications, the largest cable group. Even those who service will be eligible.

nounce the formation of six business-based working par-Headstart, the service, gives ties that will aim to find customers at least five cable channels, on top of the main broadcast channel, plus a telephone line for £11.99 a solutions to long-term problems in business. The groups will focus on short-termism. low productivity, lack of innovation, poor educational stan-

Graham Wallace, chief exdevelopment investment.

two organisations agreed last week to mount a joint launch of 200-channel digital television in the UK next spring. As part of the overall deal CWC will take Sky Box Office, the pay-per-view service that will ensure that viewes are no more than 30 minutes away from seeing any of the top 10-15 films for £2.50 or £3.

Mr Wallace said vesterday that BSkyB, in which News International, owner of The Times has a 40 per cent stake, The launch would be phased although Mr Wallace said that by the year 2000 all CWC subscribers would have the

option of digital channels.

Mr Wallace announced that CWC's pre-tax profits for the six months to September 30 had doubled to £65 million before non-recurring items. Operating profit increased by 62 per cent to £123 million and earnings before interest, tax, isation rose by 23 per cent to £333 million. The share price

Tecs told to repay £5m as **NVQs** are withdrawn

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BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

TWENTY-EIGHT training and enterprise councils will today be told to repay £5 million to the Government as 1.600 national vocational qualifications are withdrawn.

The Tecs have been summoned to the Department for Education and Employment where Kim Howells, the Education and Employment Minister in charge of training, will tell them that the quality control watchdog for education for the over-16s has vetoed NVQs from a road transport training

provider. The ultimatum from Dr Howells for the Tecs to pay back cash allocated to that provider comes after his pledge last month to crackdown on fraudulence and

maladministration. The training provider at the centre of today's move the Road Transport Industry Training Board Service Ltd (RTITBS) — is under police investigation for alleged fraud. But the Government is thought to be determined to act now to stem the increasing controversy over the mishandling of cash by Tecs which have an annual budget of £1.5 billion of public money. The KITTBS was last year stopped from trading temporarily after an investigation into some of its NVQs was begun the previous year. The business has a training provider subsidiary called Centrex.

Dr Howelis decided to demand cash back from the Tecs after the Qualifications and Curriculums Authority the overseer of standards in training for the over-16s decided to withdraw 1,600 NVQs in level three motor vehicle maintenance But it is not clear how many of these NVQs have actually been awarded amid the controversy over maladministered

training that has dogged the Tec movement. Last month Dr Howells singled out Centec, the central England training proattention warning that its licence could be removed.

Chandler challenge to Mayflower

SIR COLIN CHANDLER, Vickers chairman, angrily called on Mayflower to end the shadow-boxing that has followed last week's revelation of a possible hostile bid for Vickers. He said: "A muddle has been created on this matter and Mayflower urgently needs to clarify its position." Lazards, the adviser to Vickers, has spoken to the Takeover Panel in an attempt to force Mayflower's hand.

However, the Mayflower camp was adamant last night that it would continue to take its time mulling options. Speculation that BMW may mount a bid for Vickers was roundly dismissed yesterday. The German carmaker could still co-operate closely with Mayflower if the car-panels group mounted a successful bid.

Filofax recovery

FRESH designs helped Filotax, the personal organiser company, to lift interim profits 9 per cent, to £2.24 million in the six months to September 30, setting it on course for a complete recovery at the full year, Robin Field, third executive, said auturnn trading had been strong, although the strength of sterling had cost Filofax about £500,000. It expects to make £6.6 million for the full year, just above its 1994 record. Earnings were 5.4p (4.8p) a share and the interim dividend is 1.65p (1.5p).

Stratagem amendment

STRATAGEM, the diversified industrial group, has published an amendment to its 1996 accounts in its 1997 accounts after an investigation by the Financial Reporting Review Panel. The panel said that a table in the 1996 accounts showing assets and liabilities of NRC Refrigeration, acquired by Stratagem in January 1996, did not fully meet the requirements of the FRS6 accounting standard, which was designed to improve the information provided by companies on takeovers and mergers.

Ericsson £20m contract

ERICSSON, the Swedish relectors group, has wan a five-year 120 million contract from Racal Telectors to replace the voice communications network used by UK rail to operators. The contract includes the provision of 20 MD110 PBXs, with an include the provision of 20 MD110 PBXs, with an include the provision of 20 MD110 PBXs, with an include the provision of 20 MD110 PBXs. initial 15,000 lines being installed in offices, stations and goods yards of the private rail companies. Ericsson will also upgrade Racal Telecom's AXE public switching platform, which provides interconnection to BT and other network operators.

Jefferson Smurfit deal

JEFFERSON SMURFIT announced that Smurfit Packaging Corporation, its wholly owned subsidiary, has completed the sale of its American plastic drum division to Russell-Stanley Holdings Inc for \$70 million (£41.5 million), payable in cash The disposal of the plastics division will result in an exceptional profit of more than \$40 million. The plastic dram division consists of five American plant locations with annual sales in 1996 of approximately \$65 million.

Irish jobs boost

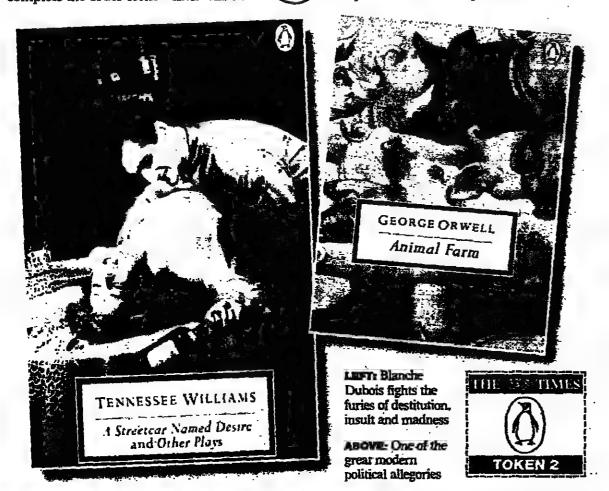
BOSTON SCIENTIFIC, an American healthcare company, has promised to create more than 2,000 jobs in the Irish Republic. The company is investing Ir£40 million (£36 million) in a new factory in Cork for the manufacture of medical instruments, and the expansion of an existing plant in Galway. The 2,050 new jobs will be shared almost equally between the two locations. Boston Scientific opened in Galway three years ago.

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Smug BT free to ring C&W

brave face on it yesterday—even seeming a bit smug. The \$7.5 billion WorldCom paid BT to walk away from MCI will now And if BT's management has any sense that should be enough, US telecommunications looks like a Peter Bonfield and Sir Iain Vallance. And though they

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\$2.7 billion profit on a failed takeover is good news in anybody's book.

Even if it is at the cost of the

whole of your global strategy. The BT fatcats were putting a

burn a hole in the pockets of Sir

at MCI. Now BT's American

engagement is over, what price the oriental and Caribbean

Because, while BT can claim a moral and financial victory in the

MCI saga, the main profit for BT has been to learn its limitations.

Though it is a monster by British

standards, it stands at no better than shoulder height in the US.

Tempted by the world's largest telecoms market, it found itself to

be a relatively small fish in a

tank full of sharks. It admitted as much yesterday, saying that US firms are bound to have more synergies with each other than

they have with someone from

outside the US. BT has a deal for

MCI to distribute its products in

the US - an agreement it is free

to tear up if it receives a better

offer - and still controls its

Concert joint venture with MCI.

attractions of C&W?

licence to lose money. So where does BT go instead? Vallance. And though they hinted there might be a share buyback, the biggest surprise yesterday was that Cable & Wireless's stock only rose a pality 3½ per cent. BT liked the look of C&W before it set its cap at MCI Now RTs. American in the UK the regulatory environment may become more liberal with the passing of Don Cruickshank, but that does not mean BT will be allowed to hold onto the sort of dominant stake in the UK cable communications market currently held by C&W. This may make bidding for C&W a great geal more tricky than it was a year ago. In Europe, whatever anyone says about the single market, national interests appear to be thwarting any hopes BT might have to expand. So maybe it should be looking towards Asia and South America, areas in which C&W has somewhat of a foothold.

So C&W looks attractive. But would BT be allowed to have it?
As WorldCom showed yesterday
where there is a will, there is a way. BT might persuade the regulators that if it sold C&W's holding in CWC Communications, which owns all the cable interests, it might be allowed to buy the rest of C&W. This would be a great solution for BT.

After all BT does not really want cable interests. It believes it



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has the technology that will make cable irrelevant. It may not be allowed to own media assets, but it can make the sort of deals with programme makers that have been struck by the cable company and by BSkyB. A C&W deal would have the advantage of soaking up BT's spare cash, boosting its global ambitions and leaving it free to concentrate on its domestic priority of grinding the cable companies into the

Sir Colin in the driving seat

t is a bit rich of Sir Colin Chandler to launch an offen-sive over Mayllower's "muddle" over whether it is going to launch a hostile bid for Vickers. After all, it was Sir Colin who outed John Simpson's plans for Vickers before the Mayflower boss was ready to push the button. The "muddle" this created is exactly what Sir Colin wanted. It is a legitimate tactic of a putative target to wrongfoot the potential bidder in the hope of derailing the offer before it can be put to shareholders. After all,

they might accept it. Mayflower's misfortune is to be caught up in the contradictory comments of BMW. Bidding for a company twice your size is a sort of 1980s thing to do and would be difficult enough without the recent market turmoil and last week's interest rate rise. Some commentators (though, perhaps critically, not many of Mayflower's institional investors) think Mayflower needs a starategic partner. And BMW, for whom Mayflower makes the bodywork on Rover's MGF sports cars, would fit the bill. The statement by Bernd Pischets-rieder, BMW's chairman, that "we have nothing to do with this Mayflower bid" has a similar ring to Daimler-Benz's denial, two weeks ago, of any interest in

buying Rolls-Royce. These are comments that may not stand the test of time.

To suggest that BMW might buy Vickers, or even provide financial backing for May-flower's bid for Vickers, is plainly ridiculous. Why? The answer is Cosworth, the specialist business which provides motor racing services to a whole range of manufacturers, but mainly Ford. Should BMW end up as even a partial owner of Cosworth, half that operation's business mightwalk out of the door. Therefore, if BMW has been lending any encouragement to Mayflower, perhaps agreeing a price for Rolls-Royce should the Mayflower offer succeed, it can-not be seen to be doing so.

Confused? Then consider the position of the other car manufacturers. Daimler, Chrysler and Ford are all said to be sniffing around Rolls-Royce and any one of them could be Mayflower's partner. But given Mayflower's

close relationship with BMW, it would not want to be seen stepping out with any of its rivals for fear this could queer its chances of future BMW business. Mayflower is playing a dangerous game. Sir Colin Chandler knows this and is exploiting Mayflower's dis-comfort to the maximum advantage of Vickers.

Bo says go on Intrum mbo

ntrum Justitia is not your average sort of company. The debt collector has a Latin name, is run by Swedes, head-quartered in The Netherlands and listed in London. If you ask the man on the Clapham omnibus what it does, he will probably answer: "Yacht racing". Bo Goranson, Intrum's chair-

man, has learnt an uncomfortable truth about the City. If it doesn't understand you, it won't love you. After seven years of uninspiring performance, Intrum shares were undermined by a poor set of half-year figures, dropping from 129p to 71½p. And there they would have lan-guished, had Bo not decided to

Now Bo is about to learn another truth about the City. It might not love you while you're listed, but if you try to buy the company back, it will hate you. Institutional investors have a fundamental mistrust of the managements that run the companies in which they invest. Try to buy your company off them, and they suddenly decide that they have undervalued it all along. Accordingly, Intrum shares shot up more than 20 per cent yesterday, once the new buyout offer leaked

What will now ensue is a squabble over the price. As Bo owns 34 per cent already and United News & Media 21 per cent, he has a good chance of winning control of the company. But it only needs investors holding 6.6 per cent or more to block him from taking it private. Intrum's voyage to privacy is only just beginning.

Spicing up EMI

IT'S official, "Girl Power" is dead, First Barbie and Ken knock the Spice Girls from number one in the charts. Then Spiceworld, the album, suffers disappointing sales. Finally, Ginger Spice falls out with their manager, raising question marks about the band's future. And the City's reaction? It marks up shares in EMI, the Girls' record label. Maybe the feeling is that demise of Spice will make



Sir John Egan, chief executive of BAA, with security staff in a new uniform that is due to be launched this month

Hilton stands by its \$9.3bn bid for ITT

HILTON Hotels Corpora tion, the US hotels and gaming group, has decided not to raise the stakes in the battle for control of ITT Corporation, which owns the Sheraton Hotels chain (Dominic Walsh writes).

Hilton insisted that its \$9.3 billion (£5.5 billion) bid offered ITT shareholders a better deal than the \$10.2 billion put on the table on Friday by Starwood Lodging because it contained a great-

er cash element Tomorrow ITT shareholders must decide whether to re-elect the existing board of directors or install a new board put forward by Hilton. Steve Bollenbach, Hilton chief executive, reiterated yesterday that if they were re-elected he would drop out of the bidding, leaving the way clear for

PW 'will be winner' in proposed merger

BY ROBERT BRUCE

PRICE WATERHOUSE will be the clear winner in the proposed £8 billion merger with Coopers & Lybrand, according to documents circulated to the accountancy firms' 8,500 partners worldwide.

Jim Schiro, global chief executive of PW, and proposed head of the enlarged Coopers/PW, could hold the post for seven years under proposals to be put to the vote by pariners before the end of the month. Another PW American partner, Woody Brittain, would be responsible for such crucial areas as audit, tax and business assurance. Ian Brindle, UK senior partner of PW, would become head of global risk management. Peter Smith, who runs Coopers in the UK, gets a look-in as global industry leader.

proposed merger.

which has yet to be cleared by regulators in America, Japan and the European Union. would potentially create one of the world's biggest professional services firms. The documents says little

about the threatened rationalisation that has led a Coopers & Lybrand partner in America to circulate a memo claiming the whole process is a Price Waterhouse takeover and that 1,200 Coopers partners around the world are under threat.

Mr Schiro has said the enlarged firm could enjoy fee income growth of 20 per cent a year — a view endorsed by the documents. They emphasise the extraordinary predicted growth in global professional services, saying that global reach and heavy investment are the only way to ensure

market share. Predictions suggest the \$300 billion professional services market could double in the next five years. The combined firm would have revenues of \$13 billion for 1997 giving it four per cent of the global market.

It is the investment required that is most heavily emphasised. The enlarged firm will require "serious money" to live up to its mission statement of becoming "the leading global professional services organisation, solving complex business problems for top peer clients in global, national and local markets".

The merger, it concludes, is "the best non-cash big leap" forward", avoiding time-consuming and costly alternatives. The result of the vote is expected in the middle of next

Strong pound hits BAA duty and tax-free sales

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE strength of the pound has hit duty and tax-free sales of alcohol and gifts at Britain's main airports as overseas passengers find goods cheaper

in their local shops. BAA, the airports operator, said that overseas passengers had nirned against airport purchases, which showed a 2 per cent fall for each international passenger

Sales of alcohol per interna-tional passenger fell 6.3 per cent in the six months to September, while gift sales also showed a 3.6 per cent drop, bringing a 1.7 per cent decrease per passenger. However, increases in passenger numbers, together with improved tobacco and perfume sales, brought a 6 per cent rise

in tax and duty free sales, to £134.2 million. The disclosure came as BAA reported interim results showing a 7.4 per cent rise in

passenger numbers, helping to raise pre-tax profits 2 per cent to £310 million in the six months ended September 30. The interim dividend is lifted 8.9 per cent to 4.9p. Earnings were 13.2p a share, after taking into account the £102 million windfall tax imposed on BAA by the Government, compared with 22.2p. Retail income grew 8 per cent, to £242.1 million, on the back of

increased passenger traffic. Duty free sales are becompart of BAA's business since the £423 million August of Duty Free International, the leading US duty free company. The expansion of BBA's subsidiary World Duty Free, which runs 20 duty free stores at BAA's airports, is intended to attract sales of El20 million.

Sir John Egan, BAA's chief executive, said that the slowdown in duty free sales was "a one-off. I wouldn't have expected this to be a long-term on-going problem. We have had this problem before."

Sir John voiced confidence in the company's six-month results, which were backed by increases in passenger numbers at each of BAA's seven UK airports. Southampton, with a 15 per cent growth, Gat-wick (11.7) and Glasgow (11.3)

led the way. At Heathrow a 4.5 per cent increase in passen-gers was achieved with a 0.5 per cent rise in the number of

planes using the airport. BAA adjusted its figures to take into account the windfall tax, the rephasing of £ló million in airport charge income to the second half of the year, and a £7 million increase in interest charged against profits because interest is no longer being capitalised on project to build a fifth terminal at Heathrow, BAA said that a direct comparison with last year showed a 9.8 per cent increase in pre-tax profits from £297 million to £326

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Redland bid deadline extended

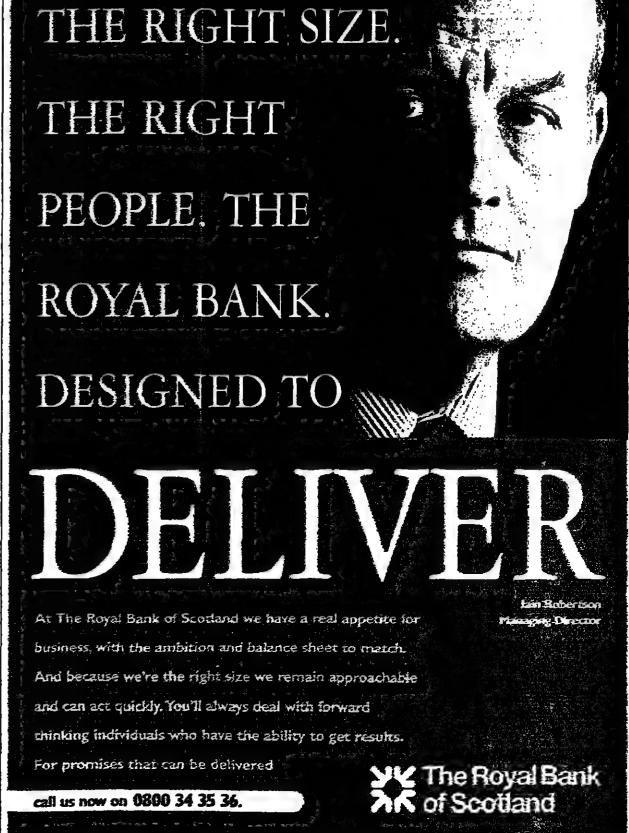
ing materials group, yesterday extended the deadline for its hostile 320p-a-share offer ior Redland and criticised the company for not having preduced anything of sub-

which values its UK rival at

Redland's equity.

Redland shares now trade by Lafarge. However, they are still roughly half their value of

group, for RBB, its majority owned tile business.



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Murdoch says Lachlan likely to be successor

By Raymond Snoddy, media editor

RUPERT MURDOCH, chairman and chief executive of The News Corporation, the international media group, has given his clearest indication so far that his successor could be his 26-year-old son Lachlan. Lachlan Murdoch, as execu-

 tive chairman of News Corp's Australian interests, has the most senior position in the group of the next generation of family members. Elisabeth Murdoch is general manager of

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British Sky Broadcasting and James Murdoch heads the group's new media activities. In an interview for Sky High, a new book on BSkyB by Mathew Horsman to be ublished this month, Mr Murdoch said: The succession at News Corporation

last year that the family stake in News Corp of about 35 per

among equals, but they will all depends on how long I stay have to prove themselves." npos mentis." Mr Murdoch, who revealed News Corp, parent company of The Times, owns News International, which has a 40

per cent stake in BSkyB. In the interview for the book. Mr Murdoch expressed an element of doubt over this succession scenario, saying it was "not fully answered in my own mind". He was also frank about the current corporate position of Elisabeth Murdoch.

Asked whether his daughter would run BSkyB, he replied: "No. Elisabeth is not ready yet. And she has some things to work out. She has to decide how many kids she is going to have, where she wants to live." Sky High will be published by Orion on November 24.

LAFARGE, the French buildcent had already been transferred to the three children, said in the interview: "The kids have those shares now. It will be up to them." The chairman of News Corp added: "Currently it is their consenstance" to rival its bid. sus that Lachlan will take The offer from Lafarge, over. He will be the first

£1.7 billion, expires at 3pm on November 21. Speculation has heightened over what tactics will be used by Redland, which must present a defence plan to shareholders within the next two weeks. So far Lafarge has received acceptances for only 0.71 per cent of

above the 320p price offered three years ago.

According to reports at the weekend, Redland is considering an £800 million offer from St Gobain, the French glass and building materials

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BT weighs options as it collects \$2.25bn windfall

THE telephone wires were red hot in the Square Mile last ish Telecom intends to spend its \$2.25 billion windfall.

This follows BT's decision to accept the increased terms of \$51 a share from WorldCom worth \$7.5 billion (£4.42 billion) to BT. Unlike other MCI shareholders. BT will receive cash for its 20 per cent stake. The City liked the deal and marked BT shares llp higher to 4650. Now brokers want to know how it intends to spend the money.

BT last night confirmed it was on the lookout for other opportunities to do deals in the US and other parts of the world and would also consider a share buyback.

Sir Peter Bonfield, chief executive, confirmed that despite the breakdown of bid talks with Cable & Wireless last year, both companies parted as "good friends". As a result, the speculators will not rule out the possibility of the two sides getting together again. C&W is poised to take advantage of the booming telecoms market in the Far East. It responded with a jump of 1612p to 48112p as 4.2 million shares changed hands.

Another option might be to pay Securicor, up 10p at 283 ap, for the outstanding 40 per cent of Celinet, the mobile phone operator. Brokers say the stake could be worth more than El billion - small change as far as BT is concerned.

Meanwhile, the London market was happy to shrug off further uncertainty in the Far East to confound the experts by opening on a positive note. Sentiment was bolstered by a subdued set of producer price numbers and an opening rise on Wall Street. The FTSE 100 index closed below its best with a rise of 42.5 to 4,806.

Trading conditions re-mained thin, with last week's quarter-point rise in British base rates weighing heavily on

Legal & General was un-moved at 483p by weekend reports that Barclays Bank has made a takeover approach which had been rejected. Barciays finished 30p dearer

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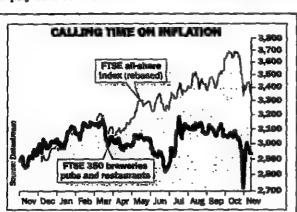
James Barker, of Independent Parts, up lp on good results

the receiving end of a bid from GEC. Ip firmer at 388p. Word is the asking price could be as much as £350 million. The group currently carries a price ag of around £282 million.

Vickers rose 8p to 257p as Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, told clients the shares were worth another 50p to 60p. Mayflower Corporation. down 21 ap at 1731 ap, continues to play its cards close to its

have the backing of BMW, the German car maker, which is also seen as a potential bidder for Rolls-Royce Motors, put up for sale by Vickers last week. City brokers are confident the group will unveil its terms this

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THERE has not been much sign of cheer among Britain's high street pub chains. But for those investors aiready nursing a sizeable hangover there are from Goldman Sachs, the US securities house.

It put some fizz back into the pub operators yesterday with an upbeat review that offers some hope. Bass, up 14p at 824p, remains on its global priority list while Scottish & Newcastle, lip stronger at 664p. Whit-bread, 2 p firmer at 7895p, and Greenalls, 45p better at 358 2p, are all set

outperform. Allied Domecq, 2p easier at 481p, remains a trading buy.

Goldman estimates that these five pub operators control £10 billion worth of property assets appreciat ing at 4 per cent a year, but says this has failed to be reflected in their balance sheets. The broker says the true value could be as much as 20 per cent higher. Goldman also points out

that the pub retailers provide both exposure to domestic consumer spending and, at the same time, a sizeable asset hedge against ready the subject of an offer of 320p a share by Lafarge another French group.

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left Tele-Cine Cell Group 414p cheaper at 4012p. Talks with other parties about commercial alliances were continuing A profits warning left ISA International nursing a loss of 4312p at 9612p. The group says second-half profits are running below expectations.

group, was also rocked by a profits warning, ending 84p cheaper at 33'2 p

Independent Parts firmed lp to lll'ap after weighing in with a healthy increase in half-year profits. James Barker, chairman of the automotive parts group, was also positive about prospects.

GILT-EDGED: Prices ended a touch easier in thin

trading, with investors reloctant to open fresh positions ahead of today's Veterans' Day holiday and tomorrow's FOMC meeting.

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US interest rates intensified last Friday, with the employbiggest drop in people out of work for 24 years.

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COMPANIES LANGUAGE

Shopped out at BAA

IS THE great British airport shopping jamboree coming to an end? Yesterday, BAA published some half-year profit figures that gave the City a bit of a fright, causing BAA shares to take a tumble. Part of the blame can be placed at the door of investors who failed to remember that the windfall tax and the rephasing of landing charges were due to make a mess of the six months figures. However, the real story was in the slowness at the tills in BAA's shiny new malls.

Despite a healthy foodall through the airport, net retail spending per passenger barely increased in the first half and duty free spending per head actually fell 2 per cent, an almost unheard of phenomenon for this regressive retailer. BAA had plenty of good explanations for the phenomenon: no new space coming on stream and the strength of

sterling queered the pitch for its retail operations. The pound rose as much as 25 per cent against some European currencies and BAA's shoppers could find fewer reasons to buy their favourite tipple at Heathrow if it was cheaper back home in Milan.

If all this is true, it hardly dispels concern for the future. BAA cannot increase space at the airport indefinitely; moreover much of the new building is reserved for luxurious first class lounges, where passengers are cocooned from both the hot-polloi and BAA's shops. What the recent figures prove is that duty free is highly price sensitive. BAA's normally high-spending Asian travellers will become more priceconscious as their financial markets implode, all of which points to a need to give away gross margin. If the future of duty free is a price war. this stock will go nowhere.

CWC

CABLE & WIRELESS COMowed yesterday by bigger telecom brethren in the US. and some wishful thinking that parent Cable & Wireless might become a revised target for BT. But CWC should not be ignored entirely. Four companies have been integrated to create CWC and with a £50 million marketing splash over six months noone can accuse them of hiding their light under a bushel Moreover, the presence of Mercury gives CWC the attraction of profits, rare

for a cable company.

By March its cable networks will extend past 4.2 million homes, 70 per cent of its total franchises and the network is being built at the rate of 600,000 homes a year. CWC's decision last week, to

satellite broadcaster, for a joint launch of 200 channe of digital television, including taking BSkyB's digital pay-per-view movie service. Sky Box Office. Introducing 200 channe

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of television in the UK will be a chailenge and CWC has made a very pragmatic deci-sion to reduce confusion and

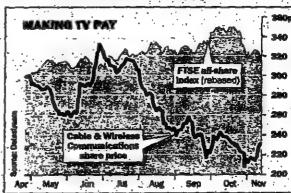
margins will be just as great on digital movies as if they had done the service for themselves. That bodes well for the shares.

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keting and packaging skills of BSkyB (in which News

International, owner of The

Times, has a 40 per cent



Ransomes bid

IN future, the tending of our green and pleasant lawns will be powered exclusively. by foreign mowers. Yesterday's recommended bid for Ransomes by Textron of the US will take the UK's only big lawnmower maker out of British hands it shareholders, headed by Schroder Invesiment Management and Britannic Assurance, accept.

They should jump at the opportunity. Having weathered the share price skump that followed Ransome's hidcousiy over genred purchase : of Cushmans, investors rethe old days earlier this year, ... when a profits warning sent shares plunging 180 to 32p. Slow demand from German burghers for fancy mowers was a big factor. John Clement, Ransomes

chairman, confessed that the company is hamstrung by its small size. Strange, though it seems, lawmnowers and traf-fic, police transporters do.

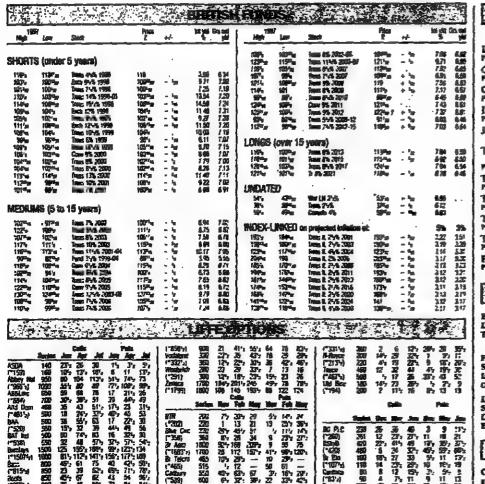
require significant develorment spending. The 60p offered for each ordinary share is a 107 per cent premium to the price preceding Ransomwould be a great surprise if it was not accepted gratefully.

Cairn Energy

LACK of news from Bangladesh has left the Cairn Energy share price drifting downwards after the initial euphoria over its huge offshore gas find at Sangu. Cairn has a 75 per cent share in two blocks in Bangladesh ceived a nasty reminder of and has bid for six further blocks jointly with Shell, in the current licensing round: Awards were expected in September but Cairn's success has sent oil companies some have read bed news into the delay. Yesterday, Caim doled out some good news, reminding investors that its existing acreage is huge and relatively unex-plored. The Semutang-5 well was drilled deeper into a known structure and Cairn had hoped it might yield 0.5 trillion cubic feet but yester day's result suggests the field could be larger.
The licensing round delay

reinforces the point that Cairn and Shell cannot expect a blank cheque from the Bangladeshi Government but it would be very odd if Cairn and Shell failed to secure any prizes. Bangladesh needs powerful long-term partners to develop a gas market, not just in the country but in the region where the biggest energy consumer is India. With that in mind, portation would be invaluable, as would its financial and a payment, as yet undis-closed, from Shell. Cairn is

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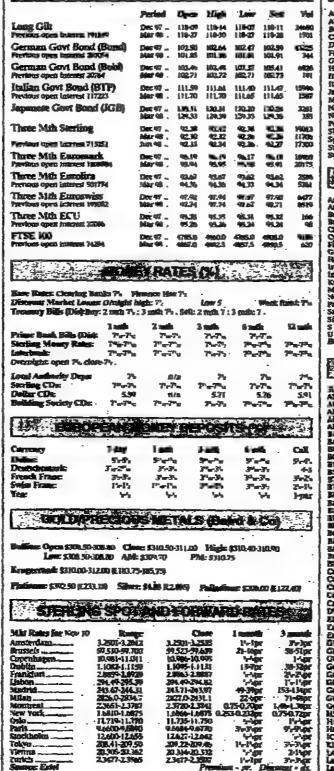
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ittle did the person who coined the phrase marketing is too important to be left to the marketing department realise that it is fast becoming a self-fulfilling prophecy. To a profession suffering a mid-life crisis, the news that marketers are held in low esteem by their colleagues, and that the very validity of their jobs is in question, inevitably results in a further bout of navel gazing. If the results of a survey by

the Marketing Forum, the in-dustry's annual gathering on board the Oriana, are anything to go by then marketers are going to have to improve the marketing of their own profession if they are to continue to play a crucial role in business. The survey makes depressing reading. It also highlights the fact that marketers - the very people charged with having a finger on the pulse - are guilty of commit-ting the cardinal sin of losing touch with reality. While marketers believe that their contribution is crucial to the

Wake-up call to a profession losing sight of the customer

other departments would appear to disagree.

When it came to the overall influence on the company, 68 per cent of marketers said they were crucial to the company's performance, but only 38 per cent of colleagues from other business functions, such as sales, IT, distribution and finance, felt the same way.

This low rating is by no means limited to a general appraisal of their skills. One of the most damning verdicts was reserved, perhaps unsurprisingly, for an area that has so often been a flashpoint between the board and the marketing director: the effectiveness of the marketing budget. Only 18 per cent of non-marketing staff (and only 11 per cent of finance directors) believe that the mar-

Indian demand has been a barrier

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While marketers may view such figures phlegmatically and dismiss them as indicative of how their profession is

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Falling bullion price means global

outlook for gold is none too bright

low should serve as a wake-up call: only 23 per cent of respondents said the marketing department was responsible for customer service, with 77 per cent saying it was the responsi-bility of other departments. Bob Tyrrell, ex-chairman of

the Henley Centre and now a non-executive director of New Solutions, the marketing consultancy, says that as long as

marketing function will continue to decline. He cites a clash of cultures that has led marketing staff not only to lose touch with the dynamics of marketing, but to relax their grip on an area

that should be core to the profession. After all if marketing is not about the customer

Marketing people have been used to the very public, confident and loud world of branding and advertising. This is a far cry from customer

and it is time they learnt a different language," he says. That arrogance has prompt-

ed Steve Cuthbert, directorgeneral of the Chartered Institute of Marketing, to deliver a sharp rebuke to his members: face up to reality or your influence on company decisions will only diminish.

Marketers think that finance directors are sitting in their ivory towers while they are at the front end of the business. This will not do. We have got to spend more time and energy in getting the other ciate that we are not just sitt there in our bow ties and going out to lunch," he says.

Statistics aside, this analysis comes at time when marketing is on the back foot. Not a week

goes by without a company re-evaluating its marketing department. In recent weeks Trebor Bassett, the confectioner, have axed the role of marketing director.

Henderson baled out after saying it could not get the sales return on its investment in marketing. Trebor, meanwhile, merged the role with sales to enhance the co-ordination be tween the two functions to ensure the effective execution of marketing," says the company. Kevin Thomson, chairman

of MCA, the consultancy, and a pioneer of the practice, says: Marketers are champions of the customer, but they do tend to look down into their own companies. They create their own black arts, their own jargon and their own way of doing things. Until they start to you are going to continue to hear phrases like 'not another crazy idea from marketing echo round the boardroom.

interesting question. More than 80 per cent of the world's

gold demand is for jewellery consumption and the vast

majority of that is from Asian

countries, with India, the larg-

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Indian consumption has

been a barrier to further

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jewellery rose 29 per cent as

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demand may not continue to

work in gold's favour; the recent falls in Asian currencies

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JULIAN LEE

Pharmacist's prescription for success on stock market

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bove a chemist shop in Ruislip, West London, a fortune is in the making. Jayesh Manek, a Ugandan-born pharmacist who came to the UK as a schoolboy, is moving his armchair share-picking skills into a new league - with the launch of a fund management company backed by Sir John Templeton, the legendary Baltamas-based investor.

Some have been quick to dub Mr Manek, 42, "the Sage of Ruislip", in ironic homage to Warren Buffett, legend, who lives in a mod-est suburb of Omaha, Nebraska. Mr Manek has twice won The Sunday Times Fantasy Fund Manager competition — initially turning a notional £10 mil-lion into £502 million — and hopes to build on those skills

"It allows you to focus better. In the City, you're bound to be influenced by what's going on." Initial response to the new fund Manek Investment Management (MIM). The Manek Growth Fund

launched later this month. seeking longterm capital growth through vestment The cate-

UK equities. lyst for the transition from chemist to fund manager came in July 1995 when Sir John, who estab-

and soon, some of those investors may seek to realise profits to pay off debts elsewhere. Growth Fund in 1954, asked Mr Manek to manage £5 million of his personal for-The only sure way of saving the bullion price from further tune. He added a further £5 decline would be a cut in million in June last year. production. At present levels, The portfolio, worth more the gold price is trending below the level of the cash cost than £13 million at the end of October, will form the basis of production, which in South Africa hovers about \$300 per Mr Manek's office is above ounce. According to Gold the Dallas chemist shop in Russip — one of four outlets owned by the Manek family. Mr Manek came to the UK Fields Mineral Services about

in 1971, and was reunited

with his family in London a

year later, after their eviction

from Uganda by Idi Amin.

He studied pharmacy at

Brighton Polytechnic, then

spent two years as a trainee

with Booker (which then had

chemist outlets) before open-

ing his first chemist in

His interest in the stock

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half of the South African mines are producing gold at a cost above the market price. ut David Giese, of Merrill Lynch in Johannesburg, says the industry is under no immediate pressure to shut mines because they sell their production forward. The average South African mine's production is hedged four years out. The spot price of gold is meaningless as they

market began at college. Mr Manek recalls: "I used to gold is meaningless as they
convert earnings into rand
and expenditure is in rand.

The outlook is not good for
gold. Depreciating currencies,
such as the rand, are protecting read up more about stocks producers that will stop mining

only as a last resort. But the steady price decline mocks the metal's status as a store of value. In theory, financial turmoil should turn gold into a haven, but the financial instrument of the moment remains the dollar and the US treasury bill. But it will take more than a few weeks

turmoil on world stock ex-changes to wrench people away from their emotional attachment to gold. As Mr Piasecki puts it: You earn more brownie points buying your wife a dress than a refrigerator. But you earn the most points if you buy her gold."

Manek: fund launch

of international private banking at lished the Templeton Coutts & Co. is a nonexecutive director. MIM has a beavyweight chairman in Stanislas Yassukovich, former chair-

man of Merrill Lynch Europe. He said: "I have always been a promoter of wider share-ownership and demystifying the process of buying stocks and shares. I've always felt that the City had a problem vis-à-vis the investing public. It seems to many people who don't know it to be very much a closed shop, hard to break into, a magic circle. This is up the whole concept of

investing in equities But anyone looking for a little extra "over the counter" share advice at Dallas chemists is in for a disappointment. Mr Manek has no plans to dispense share tips with the prescriptions.

JON ASHWORTH

to further collapse, but that could change, says Carl Mortishead he festival of Diwali is banks have undermined confian auspicious time for dence in what was once seen Indians to buy gold. as a financial instrument of unequalled security, threaten-ing some gold-mining com-penies with insolvency and financial turnoil in gold-pro-The shiny yellow met-al is much prized among the Indian community everywhere, not merely as adornment but as a symbol of prosperity and for the finanducing countries. Jewellers shrug their shoulcial security it brings. This year Diwali, the festival of light, fell on October 30, ders over fluctuations in the bullion price. Jurek Piasecki, chief executive of Goldsmiths, and only a week previously, the world gold market had the jeweller, expects to hold gold stocks worth about £30 received a rude shock. The Swiss Central Bank anmillion charing the run-up to Christmas. His chain of 140 nounced that it intended to sell shops will together raise stock levels by £6 million. Like most 1,400 tonnes, a third of its reserves. The news sent the lewellers, he works on average price plummeting and comprices and can absorb price pounded a series of damaging fluctuations of up to 5 to 10 per blows to investors' sentiment cent without too much fuss, given a typical retailer's mark-up of 50 per cent. More importantly, short-selling by as central banks around the world sought to rid themselves of a badly performing bullion traders is unlikely to British jewellers will be affect the Indian market, building up stocks of gold jewellery for Christmas. They which has had a love affair with the metal for thousands should expect to do well this year. Gold consumption is of years. The mogul emperors would eat gold leaf, which was considered an aphrodisiac and and the British are finally for generations, Indian brides have been adorned with the eginning to develop the more ophisticated tastes of their metal. However, gold in India

Glitter and glamour: In India, gold is as much investment as adornment

Bank lobbed a grenade into an already nervous gold market, announcing that it had sold 167 tonnes, a third of its gold reserves, preferring to reinvest in interest-bearing assets.

market began in the early Seventies when the US ended the full convertibility of its currency into gold. Since then, central bank gold reserves have been in steady decline, shock — a major gold produc-er, few in the gold market but the process has recently expected the country's central bank to deliver such a negative message to the market. And last month, another firm gold accelerated. After a 300 million tonne sale by The Netherlands early this year, the Belgian Government revealed plans in June to sell more of its reserves. And in this the Australia. supporter, Switzerland, broke ranks and announced that it intended to sell 1,400 tonnes July, the Australian Central from its reserves. So far the

is as much investment as adornment. Many of the

Ugandan Asians who fled to

Britain were able to quickly

establish themseives because

they carried their wealth with

them in the form of gold rather

than the Ugandan currency.

According to Bharat Pattni
of Lakha, the Wembley-based
Indian jeweller, the finished
jewellery price is kept close to
the value of the metal, giving
Indian buyers the security of

knowing they are getting val-

ue for money.

The crisis in the bullion

gold price has resisted testing the \$300 per ounce level, but Ted Arnold, gold analyst at Merrill Lynch, sees no reason why it should not fall below that level. He said: "What is magic about \$300? There is a The Australian move was a lot of supply and demand is weak. It will test \$300 and

probably fall below." Mr Arnold says the banks are selling because gold is a non-performing asset, falling 28 per cent in value over the past ten years when the US stock market rose 266 per cent and long-term US Treasury

bonds gained 174 per cent. He said: "Gold is a relic, an anachronism, it has no monetary value. You don't earn any interest on it and you have to pay people to look after it. Mr Arnold cites three factors that could keep gold prices moving sideways to lower for some years: central bank selling in Europe could accelerate as bankers seek to get the best prices for their reserves; in-

creased forward selling by

gold producers; and currency

devaluation in Asia, the main area of gold consumption. The Special adviser to Morgan Stanley is Lord Levene. He used to chair Ca-nary Wharf, so nothing strange there either. Except that a year from now Lord Levene will be Mayor of

Wharf attracts from the Square Mile is seen as a blow for the City. who have anything to do with the deal (the bond issue)," says Morgan Stanley primly. Fair enough; but it seems an odd conflict. Some are muttering that perhaps in his year of office Lord Levene could find a City

MARTIN WALLER



Lord Levene, future Mayor of the City of London, advises

Legged over

need of support when he spoke to a breakfast meeting at the CBI's annubreakfast meeting at the CBT anni-al conference yesterday. Not support for his newly named Financial Ser-vices Authority from business, but more a stout brown stick for his right leg. Davies, who crocked his left leg a few years ago in one of his star-mented of some bull matches — he plays studded football matches - he plays regularly with BBC boss John Birt, who speak to the CBI this morning, and Pearson TV chief Greg Dyke—

European neighbours, buying

better quality gold jewellery at

higher prices. But the Asian market is key

to this commodity. More than 80 per cent of gold demand is for jewellery and two thirds of fabrication demand is from

Asian countries. Curiously, one thing that will not cause too much concern to anyone in this

trade is the plummeting price of gold. Bullion is currently at its lowest point for more than 12 years, touching \$308 (£181) per ounce on Friday, only rising slightly yesterday as physical demand for the metal absorbed the attention for the metal absorbed.

the attack from short-selling by

Sentiment towards gold,

too, is at arecord low; the

bullion price has lost about 25

per cent in value since it last rose to almost \$200 in early 1996, but the trend has been a

more or less steady erosion in

value since the peak of \$492 in

1997. What has hit the gold

market is no less than an earthquake. Sales by central

speculators.



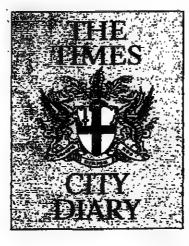
"He had to go — they found WorldCom listed on his friends and family"

did it again last Friday, on his right leg. "But it was a good clearance," he that only a Manchester City support-

Liquid assets

AS IF to prove that conspicuous consumption is back, there were 40 bottles of the world's most expensive wine being knocked back at the Regent's Park office of Bibendum, the wine shipper, last night. And several parties from big City institutions I cannot name in case someone decides to have another look at their bonuses. Bibendum had acquired 40 bottles, of various vintages, of something called Chateau Le Pin, and 45 customers were prepared to pay £750 a ticket for a tasting. A case of the 1982 goes for as much as £30,000.

No wine, no matter how good, is worth £2,500 a bottle, of course, and Chareau Le Pin has reached these dizzy levels because of rarity value only about 500 cases a year are produced — and the crazy notion of fine wine as investment. The only confort is that one day the bottom will fall out of this market too, just as it did for classic cars. Also, signs of sanity are emerging with the arrival of Far East buyers, I am told. Simon Farr, Bibendum's buying director, says



they actually seem to enjoy drinking

☐ I THOUGHT we were supposed to

be cool or something. London has done spectacularly badly in the Fortune magazine list of the best European cities in which to do business. Dublin comes first. "The Irish cultivated strong relationships with the EU in Brussels throughout the 1980s," says the magazine, which is one way of describing the extraction of \$16 billion of EU money. London, which came top last year, polls seventh, only just ahead of Rome and its traffic and Budapest and its ... well, not much when I was last there. The good news is that Paris does not

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Booking in

lysts will be at the High Court this week for their recollections of the Queens Moat Houses collapse. An unfair dismissal case is being brought by John Bairstow and three other former directors and will consider claims that they misled the market. To support its side, the company will be calling, among others, Max Dolding, of James Capel, Paul Slattery, of Kleinwort, and Mark Finnie, of NatWest. Given the popularity of QMH shares and Bairstow himself in the City before the collapse, do not be surprised if one or two of them find their memories not quite as complete as they might be.

■ MORE troubles for the Government's new savings account? Having discovered that the Isa means "god" or "father" in Estonian, I now learn that the new account may also have a special meaning to Moslems. Isa means "Jesus" in Arabic.

Turn again

NOW here is a curious thing. The bond issue that will revive the finances of Canary Wharf is being put together by Morgan Stanley. Nothing strange about that, the American investment bank is one of the downriver development's biggest fans.

London, and every firm Canary

'He's not even on the list of people firm to be special adviser to.



Morgan Stanley down river

Accor plans £800m hotel expansion in United Kingdom

By DOMINIC WAISH

ACCOR, the French hotel and catering combine, has unveiled plans to open up to 150 hotels in the UK over the next five years at a total cost of between £600 million and ESOO million.

The biggest project will be a £50 million hotel on London's Pall Mail to be developed by Marylebone Warwick Balfour (MWB), the property group. The 200-bedroom property. which has yet to gain planning consent, would become the first UK hotel to carry Accor's upmarket Sofitel brandname.

Peter Leather, Accor UK's director of development, said: We're planning two hotels a month for the next five years." He said the Pall Mall project was one of at least three Sofitel hotels planned, with further

inburgh and the outskirts of London. There was also the Birmingham.

Accor, which already has 35 hotels here under the Novotel, This and Formule I brands, is investigating a variety of funding options, including sale and leaseback deals, equity participation from private individuals and institutions or a flotation of some or all of its UK assets.

Mr Leather said the fiveyear opening programme en-visaged at least 20 new Novotels, 40 Ibis properties and 80 Formule 1 budget lodges, the latter charging about £22 a room for up to three people. He said there would be half a dozen Formule

sites under negotiation in Ed-inburgh and the outskirts of one near the Blackwall Tunnel in Docklands.

The London Sofitel scheme involves the conversion of a Grade II-listed office building on the corner of Pall Mall and Waterloo Place that previously housed Lloyds Bank's Cox & Kings branch. MWB is to acquire a long leasehold on behalf of Accor subject to planning, and will manage the site's development. Funding will be arranged by Accor.

A planning application will submitted shortly and MWB hopes to begin construction at the end of next summer. The four-star hotel will be on six floors, while the lower ground floor will sub-let to independent restaurant



Michael Paterson, the finance director of the Oriental Restaurant Group, and Hock Ann Chua at the Sri India restaurant in the City

PUBLIC NOTICES

PETROLEUM AND SUBMARINE **PIPELINES ACT 1975**

Notice of Application for a Submarine Pipeline Works Authorisation

Elf Exploration UK PLC hereby gives notice on behalf of itself, in accordance with the provisions of Part 1 of Schedule 4 to the Petroleum and Submarine Pipelines Act 1975 that it has made an application to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry for the grant of an authorisation for the construction and use of a pipeline between a tie-in point at the Elgin/Franklin and Shearwater fields and the Low Water Mark at the Bacton natural gas

A map (or maps) delineating the route of the proposed pipeline and providing certain further information may be inspected free of charge at the places listed in the Schedule to this notice from 10am to 4pm on each weekday from the date that this notice is published until the date mentioned in the next paragraph of this notice.

Pursuant to a direction of the Secretary of State, representations with respect to the application may be made in writing and addressed to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry at the Oil and Gas Office, Atholi House, 86-88 Guild Street, Aberdeen, ABII 6AR (marked FAO Inn Furnesux, Offshore Pipeline Authorisations) not later than 9th, December 1997 and should bear the reference "ABE 10/1/SEAL" and state the grounds upon

Dated: 3rd. November 1997 MK Fraser, Company Secretary, Elf Exploration UK PLC.

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The pipeline will be tested to the satisfaction of the Pipelines Inspectorate prior to commissioning.

The maximum pressure in the line will be less than the pressure for which the pipeline has been designed.

Leak Detection
Pressure and flow will be monitored at all times. In the event of a leak being detected the pipeline pressure will be reduced to control the leak. An aerial and underwater survey will be conducted to find the source of the leak. Routine surveillance will be carried out along the pipeline route.

Emergency Action

In the event a major break occurs in the pipeline the following emergency action will be taken:

1. All product delivery into the pipeline will be manually or automatically stopped.

2. The Pipelines Inspectorate will be notified immediately. 3. An underwater survey and serial survey will be carried out to determine the location of the break. Should pollution result from the discharge of the product the emergency pollution control system held in constant readiness by the UK Offshore Operators Association will be mobilised.

in the event of a pipeline break, contingency plans to be agreed with the Pipelines Inspectorate will be carried out for the repairing of the pipeline and proving its integrity before putting it back into service.

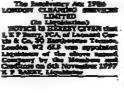
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Oriental offers air fare

BY DOMINIC WALSH

Group, which floated a year ago, has opened a restaurant at Gatwick airport's north terminal.

The 80-cover outlet, called the Gatwick Oriental, opened last week within the airport's Le Méridien hotel after the company secured a lease from Granada Group, it spent £50,000 fitting out the

premises. Hock Ann Chua, managing director of the hinted that further deals with Granada were under discussion and one involving Le Meridien at Heathrow seemed likely.

The group operates three That and one Chinese restaurant and recently opened the Sri India in the City. A further

restaurant is scheduled to open in Bishopsgate next year announced soon. The news came as the

£3.69 million.

Oriental reported pre-tax profits up by a third to £701,000 in the half year to September 30. from turnover up 13 per cent at

On a like-for-like basis, the

per cent, while spending per head improved by 4 per cent Chuangice, the company's Asian wholesale grocery business, moved from a loss of E4,000 to a profit of E48,000. Earnings per share dropped

from 5.6p to 5.1p on a near 49 per cent increased share capi-An interim dividend of 1.2p (1.0p) will be paid January

Intel invests in small UK technology firm

INTEL, the giant US chip. maker whose components are a key element of most of the world's personal computers. yesterday revealed an investment in the small British firm that is leading the world in the

ogy (CDI), which was founded after initial research by the Cavendish Laboratory at Cambridge Unversity, claims to lead the world in the technology, which is designed to allow computer or mobile phones to have high-resolution screens. CDT has licensed the technology to a number of leading manufacturers. The fruits of

SHARES in Intrum Justitia

rose 172p to 91p after the

company. Europe's largest debt collector, confirmed it had received a bid approach.

Although Intrum declined to disclose the identity of the

potential bidder, attention has focused on Bo Goranson, the

chairman, who has a 34 per cent stake in the company. Mr Goranson, who brought

the Curacao company to the London market is known to

have been disappointed by the poor performance of the shares this year. The shares made their debut in London

seven years ago at 81p. In the last full financial

year Intrum earned pre-tax profits of £13.12 million on turnover of £104 million. At

yesterday's price the company is capitalised at £95.4 million. Intrum has a narrow share-holder base. United News &

Media holds 21 per cent and

PDFM has 15 per cent. Fidelity is also a major shareholder.

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this are expected to show early next year with the first products using CDT screens w mobile phone made by Philips and a prototype video-quality screen for portable computers that is expected to be unveiled in Tokyo in January.

The size of Intel's investment is not being declared, but it is expected to be not less than the £6.6 million invested in CDT earlier this year by a consortium led by Lord Young of Graffham, the former cabinet minster and chairman of Cable & Wireless, and including Genesis, the rock group, and Herman Hauser, founder of Acorn Computers. Lord Young told The Times: "The

Intrum shares higher on

bid approach 'by chairman'

Intel deal is very exciting and shows that we are making good progress."

Danny Chanchal, the chief executive of CDT, said: "intel processors go into every aptop in the world and this is the first flat screen technology they have chosen to invest in. It would be nice to put 'Intel inside on our products."

The light-emitting polymer technology was discovered in Cambridge in 1990 and CDT. was created with the backing of Cambridge University in 1992. The Intel investment will be used to help to fund further research led by Richard Friend, the Cavendish Professor at the University.

Ford sells £43m site to MEPC

biggest property com-panies, is spending £43.5 million on a 65 acre propcrty on the M4 near Slough in Berkshire. The land, bought from

the Ford Motor Company, is the site of an Iveco Ford truck factory. MEPC is in ialks with several freight forwarding companies. The company estimates that the development could be worth more than : £100 million. About 20

acres of the site will be sold to a residential developer, with MEPC expecting a st deal to be completed early next week. Residential land in the area is worth about £1 million per acre.

Renold ahead

Regold, the precision engineering group, reported an 8 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £11 million from £10.2 million for the six months to September 27. Turnover rose 2 per cent, from £91 million to £93 million, while earnings per share jumped 18 per cent, from 11p to 13p. An interim foreign income dividend of 3.1p (2.8p) will be paid on January 30.

Sidlaw up

Sidlaw, the flexible packaging company, reported pre-tax profits of £4.8 million from continuing activities for the year to September. 30, compared with £1 million. Adjusted earnings were 6. Ip (1.6p) a share. The total dividend is 2.25p (2p), with a 1.25p final. Results exclude an exceptional gain of £16.2 million.

Buyout

Pall Mall, the contract cleaning company, has been acquired from Davis Service Group by its man-agement. Davis has received £1.2 million in cash and a further £3.6 million in settlement of inter-company debt. The manage-ment buyout was backed by Gresham Trust.

Government acts to reassure world markets

Bo Goranson is disappointed by shares progress

Brazil cuts budget by \$18bn

By George Sivell

BRAZIL yesterday sought to reassure world financial markets with an \$18 billion (£10.62 billion) cut in its national budget. The cuts will be achieved by reduced spending and import tax rises. The move came amid increasing mar-

ket concern that the Brazilian real is overvalued and that, if put to the test in the way that Far Eastern currencies have . since July, it would not be possible to defend its present value. Brazil has high

The Brazilian Government wants to keep the real high as part of a three-year drive against inflation and has vowed to defend the currency whatever the cost. Before the opening of Brazilian markets, Pedro Malan, the Finance Minister, said The Government has decided to implement a rigorous fiscal adjustment plan

that goes into effect immediately:
The measures we are announcing involve cuts in expenditures as well as deficits on its national budget and in its increases in revenue and represent a drag South American i current account of trading with other fiscal gain of 20 billion reals (\$18 billion). a scale last seen after nations. Analysts believe that this adds to the package includes the layoff of federal peso crisis.

up to an over-valuation of the real of as workers. It follows an earlier attempt for much as 30 per cent. steady market nerves. On October 30,5 Brazil more than doubled prime interest rates to 43 per cent after market intervention failed to support the real. Economists say that the package could

throw Brazil into recession in the first three months of next year, but they believe it could be enough to soothe market

perceptions of the country.

Other Latin American nations hope the plan works. If Brazil fails to support the increases in revenue and represent a drag South American into a recession of fiscal gain of 20 billion reals (\$18 billion). a scale last seen after the 1994 Mexican-

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ISA shares

BY CHRIS AYRES

RICHARD LINDLEY,

temporary chief execu-tive of ISA, the computer

consumables group, yes-terday admitted that

management problems and tension between key

staff were partly to blame

for the company's recent

disastrous performance.

after a profits warning wiped £18 million off

capitalised at £39 mil-

fion, is now worth less

than half its value earlier

this year, with shares

thanging hands yester-day for just 96'-p, com-pared with 242-p in January.

ISA warned the mar-

ket that profits for the

second half of 1997 would

be significantly below the profits of £7.9 million

in the previous period. The group blamed its

poor performance on the

strength of sterling and the depressed German

market for office sup-

However, the prob-lems also followed the acrimonious departure

in July of Peter Hildrew as chief executive, and

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Mr Lindley, who is acting as chief executive Cittle military And. while holding the posfor a residencial deast ction of group finance director, indicated that with MEPL concordeal to be complete. he wanted his position at nest with Rolls the head of the company land in the otto em to become permanent. alout Li noll en pera The decision would be made by the board over Renold ahea the next few weeks, he

am. Some 60 per cent of BA's market is non-UK-based. Supporters said BA BRITISH AIRWAYS has admitted that its controversial new livery has was "breaking the mould" and being met with a disappointing reaction in

RANSOMES, the lawn-

mower manufacturer, has succumbed to a £137 million

cash bid from Textron, the

The bid values Ransomes

ordinary shares at 60p, a premium of 107 per cent to the

price before the takeover in-

terest. Textron, which has a

market capitalisation of about \$10 hillion, is also offering 95p for each convert-

ible preference share, a pre-

mium of 28 per cent. Ransomes shares rose 912p

from 48p to 5712p by the close

Ransomes employs about 1,600 people, with about 500 in the UK. It flirted with

disaster in the early Nineties

after the purchase of Cush-

man of the US considerably

increased its debt, with gear-

ing up to 800 per cent and the

shares dropping to less than

The company recovered

after a restructuring and

management change, but shares fell again this year

after a profits warning, caused in part by slow de-

mand from German and

French municipalities for

mowers. Ransomes also

makes small industrial vehi-

cles, including one used by traffic police in New York. Although Textron's best-

known businesses are Bell

Helicopter and Cessna Air-

craft, it has a "golf and turf-care" arm that makes golf

cars and professional mow-ing equipment, with brands

such as Jacobsen and E-Z-

GO. The arm is likely to have turnover of about \$800 million. . w. . year . after the

Mary Lovejoy, of Textron, said Ransomes' European

manufacturing capacity was

a big motivation for the deal

bevoause Textron was incur-

ring big costs building mow-

ers in the US and shipping

them overseas to customers.

Textron is looking for more

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Ransomes' golf course cus-

tomers include Gleneagles, St

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innovative in its endeavours... BA has introduced a new blue-andred speedmark, and is daubing air-craft tailfins with images by artists worldwide. Designs hall from Africa, Poland, Japan, the Irish Republic, The Netherlands and the UK.

Critics say BA has blundered in dropping the national colours from its tails. Lady Thatcher showed her disapproval by wrapping a handkerchief around the tail of a model BA 747.

BA has been criticised for spending 660 million on a corporate redesign, while seeking to sharply reduce costs under its Business Efficiency Programme. Employees are concerned about the possible safety implications of the tailfins, which have reportedly led to confusion among foreign air traffic controllers during taxing at

ight. BA hopes the public will warm to

Ransomes cuts deal as

Textron offers £137m

its colour scheme once the rationale behind the rebranding - the need to become more modern and international - is understood. Mr Ayling said: The reaction has been as good as we can hope for. We will now concentrate on explaining again the ideas behind the change. He added: "As a society, we take some time to get used to things. Once people get

used to it, a degree of acceptance and iking will grow very quickly. More than 40 BA aircraft have been rebranded so far, including 15 franchisees, with a further 95 due by the end of March. The corporate redesign extends to check-in counters, lounges, and internal BA documents, including pay-slips.

Li BA is to ban smoking on all flights

from March 29. More than 95 per cent of its flights are already nonsmoking, Routes to Japan, Hone Kong. Russia and Pakistan are among those where smoking is currently permitted.

Henderson **Investors** hit by £1m write-off

BY RICHARD MILES

its international operations.

The exceptional costs, almost 10 per cent of Henderson's 1997 interim profits, were disclosed Seligman & Co, its US partner. Henderson said the initia-

tive, believed to be a new distribution operation, was not possible in the best interests of shareholders "in the light of the effects of the tax changes announced in the UK Budget in July 1997". Peter Johnson, Henderson's

group finance director, de-clined to say whether the £983,000 write-off covered an aborted acquisition. He said the costs were not incurred in mounting a defence against a hostile hid for the company.

"We are bound by confidentiality agreements," he said, adding that the joint venture with Seligman continued. At present, the two companies distribute their retail products in the US through Merrill

The provision had the effect of reducing first-half pre-tax profits from £11.2 million to £10.2 million, compared with £10.8 million for the same period in 1996. Operating revenues, however, were up 13 per cent, as funds under management increased 15 per cent to £15.1 billion during the six

months to September 30. On the plus side, Hender-son's third-party administration business prospered, as funds more than doubled to £6.5 billion, largely reflecting the addition of more than £3 billion of funds from Aberdeen Asset Managment. Eventually, Henderson hopes to spin off the administration arm into a

During the past quarter.

HENDERSON INVESTORS. the fund manager, has written off nearly £1 million in legal and advisory costs after abandoning a secret deal to expand

yesterday in the company's accounts as financing "a major corporate initiative" with J&W

Lynch, the investment bank.

stand-alone business.

Henderson merged its institutional and retail fund manage-

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Plasmon suffers losses of £8.23m

PLASMON, the electronic equipment group, fell £8.23 million into the red in the six months to September 30 after a £6 million exceptional charge for ending volume production of CDs, which can be recorded on only once (CD-R discs). A new chief executive and a new managing director have been sent in to the optical media business as a result. Across the business as a whole Plasmon suffered a 12 million operating loss on sales down from £15.5 million to £14.1 million. Losses per share reached 42.13p against earnings of 2.92p last time. The interim dividend has been passed although the shares rose 20 to 46 2 p.

J. Barrie Morgans, chairman, said that improving sales of optical jukeboxes to IBM and growing market acceptance of rerecordable CDs meant the outlook was better for most of the group's product ranges. He said: "Combined with the continuing success of our US operations and the impact of the restructuring and cost savings implemented by the new management team, we expect a much improved result in the second half."

VFG calls for cash

VFG, the AIM-listed film production company, is to raise £1.75 million through an institutional placing of shares, subject to shareholder approval. The money raised will primarily be used to exercise existing options to buy Camera Associates Assets, the only film camera and grip rental company based at Pinewood Studios, for up to £1.35 million. VFG will also acquire Lighthill, one of the main suppliers of consumables to the British film and television industry, for up to £1.1 million.

Phone company cuts loss

THE Personal Number Company, the provider of "telephone numbers for life" that floated on the Alternative Investment Market last year, reduced its pre-tax loss to £227,000 from £738,000 in the six months to September 30. Turnover was £1.2 million, up 17 per cent from £1 million a year earlier. Losses fell to just 1,47p 2 share from 14,52p although again no dividend will be paid. The company said demand was growing and that it was benefiting as customers renewed subscriptions.

Nissan speeds up

NISSAN, Japan's second biggest carmaker, lifted profits 46.7 per cent to Y45.36 billion (£217 million) in the six months to September 30. The company said that the weaker yen had lifted international sales, helping to offset the adverse impact of a sluggish domestic market. Domestic registrations of Nissan cars fell 10.7 per cent year on year, but exports soared 26.3 per cent. Annual profits are on track to be about Y100 million, unchanged from the previous year.

Field buys Avery Label

FIELD GROUP, the packaging manufacturer, has acquired Avery Label from Phildrew Ventures and the company's management for an initial ESA million. Field said that further amounts of up to £2.46 million would be payable, subject to Avery reaching defined profit targets in the nine months to April 4, 1998, and the year ending April 4, 1999. Avery achieved combined pre-tax profits for the year to June 30 of £700,000, before exceptionals, on turnover of £8.2 million.

Sugar merger close

ED&F MAN has reached agreement in principle for the merger of Mackay Refined Sugars, its Australian joint venture sugar refining business, with the domestic refining assets of CSR. Substantive agreement has been reached between the parties and due diligence is now being completed, Man said. Final documentation is due to be signed next month and a further announcement will be made then.

Sharpe & Fisher grows

SHARPE & FISHER, the building supplies company, has bought Blandford Builders and Decorators Merchants and Tanglewood Timber and Builders Merchants for £1.75 million. In their last financial years the two firms had combined turnover of £3.85 million (excluding sales to each other) and an operating profit of £285,000. Pre-tax profit was £332,000 and the combined balance sheets showed shareholder funds of £94),000. The combined borrowings are about £200,000.

Jobs to flow from Caspian oilfields

dividenti ... DEREK FATCHETT, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, flies today to Azerbaian to attend a ceremony in Baku marking production of the first oil from the vast Caspian oilfields being developed by a BP-led consortium. He said before leaving that the oil contract, one of the largest Azerbaijan has signed with a Western company, will mean thousands of extra jobs for Britain. He said it was secured after extensive goveriment lobbying and was likely to pave the way for substantial British involve

ment in the former Soviet republic's energy sector. The Azerbaijan International Operating Company is an

ailiance of 11 Western oil companies, led by BP, which signed a \$7.4 billion (£4.36 billion) production sharing agreement for development of the Azeri and Chirag fields and the deep water part of the Gunashi field in September 1994. It includes Ramco,

another British company. Azerbaijan is one of the oldest oil producing areas in the world. Heavy industry is based largely on resources of petroleum and natural gas in or near the Caspian Sea near Baku. The contract has opened the door for other British companies, and some 70 British companies, many in banking and insurance, have Former ambassador and ex-minister lead team

Big trade drive in Saudi Arabia

By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

A CONSERVATIVE former Foreign Office minister and Britain's Ambassador to Riyadh during the Gulf War are to lead the biggest British trade mission to Saudi Arabia for ten years.

Andrews, the Belfry and Peb-ble Beach in the US. The bid

document is likely to show

that Ransomes made a profit

of £10.5 million before tax on

ordinary activities, with a

Sir Jeremy Hanley, who was Minister of State at the Foreign Office until May, told a group of senior busi-nessmen that trading condi-tions in Saudi Arabia were now umusually favourable.

The kingdom had come out of the recession that followed the Gulf War. Tough budgetary measures meant that it now had a current surplus for the first time since 1982. And Britain was well placed to take advantage of the Saudis' eagerness to develop emerging industry in their country. Saudi Arabia is Britain's 12th largest export market.

Peter Wilson, left, chief executive, and John Clement, chairman, back Textron's bid

turnover of £169.8 million. If

the offer is accepted, a final

dividend will not be paid for

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Ransomes' directors have

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and the second biggest out-side the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. Visible exports are running at about £2 billion a year and account for 23 per cent of total

British exports to the Middle Britain and Saudi Atabia are eager to diversify bilateral trade, which has been dominated by the huge al-Yamamah defence contracts.

Saudi Arabia's sixth develop-



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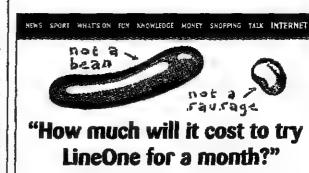
Hanley: favourable time

ment pian, 1996-2000, projects expenditure of more than \$200 billion (£118.06 billion) to build a more diversified man-

days. It is assured of a personal welcome by at least three princes from the ruling al-Saud family. Sir Alan Munro, former

mbassador to Riyadh and leader of the mission, said British exports to Saudi Arabia had risen 50 per cent to a total of £2.5 billion in 1996 and estimates for this year show that they will go up again to more than £3 billion.

Saudi Arabia is eager to do business with Britain because of widespread knowledge of English, strong educational and training links, and a perception that the UK still has important political influence in the Middle East.





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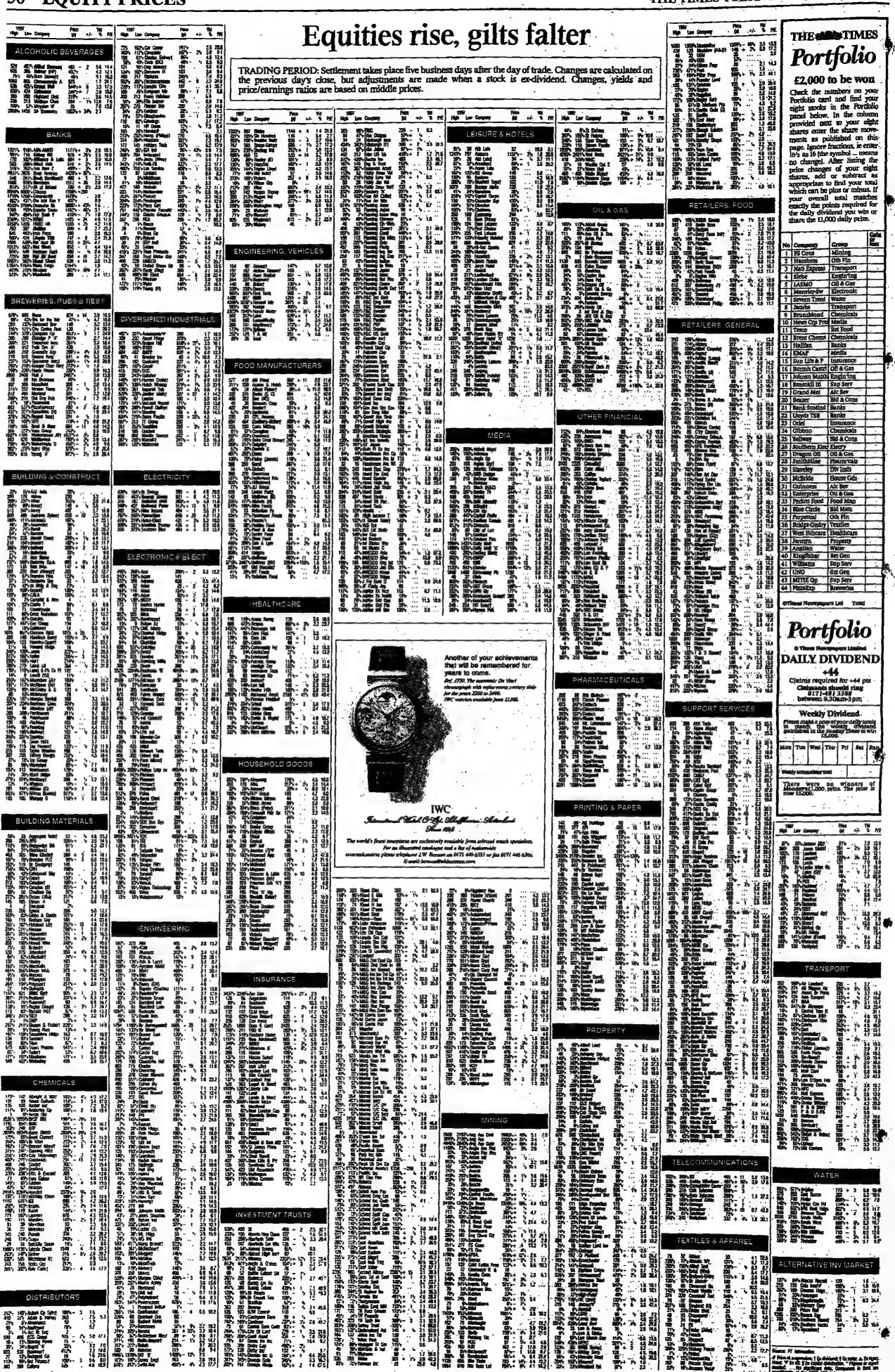
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Back to basics

AS ROYAL galas go, this was both an unusual and a welcome event. A work portraying the struggles between a tsar and his people seemed a slightly ironic gala choice on the 80th anniversary of the Russian Revolution, but there were strong musical reasons for this visit by the Kirov Opera: no opera as important as Boris Godunov had been absent from London for as long as Mussorgsky's masterpiece, and Valery Gergiev had not conducted the work here

It was given in the original seven-scene version that was rejected by the Maryinsky Theatre in St Petersburg when the composer submitted it in 1869. Now that the present Maryinsky Theatre regime. under Gergiev, has mirade amends by reviving it, something also done by Opera North eight years ago, we can expect to hear much more of it.

Given as here without an interval, in just two hours and 15 minutes, it packs a ciramatic punch, focusing all the action on the tsar who is le'n' alone to confront his adversaries. The score retains its raw power, and Gergiev's pruring was faultless. There was little he could do about the on-stage positioning of his, magnificent orchestra and chorus, the latter squeezed, into the back

Boris Godunev Theatre Royal Drury Lane

left-hand corner and thus not sounding immediate enough. The Russian people had to be represented by just a few maembers of the cast, but their reffective costumes and Alexander Adabashian's simple direction clarified the action. Rest of all was the chance to

hear an all-Russian cast, a vivid ensemble from top to bottom, Nikolay Putilin may lack the resonant bass notes of an ideal Boris, but he created a figure who held the stage as the character should. Mikhail Kit sang Pimen with special presence, Konstantin Pluzhnikov made a particularly unsavoury Shuisky, and Viktor Loutsiuk disclosed an authentic-sounding tenor as Grigory. And with the spirited Hostess of Lyubov Sokolova, lively Varlaam of Fyodor Kuznetsov and plaintive Simpicton of Yevgeny Akimov, this is a company worth every penny raised by the Friends of the Kirov Opera through this

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Next Saturday on Radio 3: Mussorgsky's Boris Godunov



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ho said Latin is dead?

elly Roll Morton, the old rascal New Orleans who claimed to have been the "inventor" of jazz, had no doubt about the importance of Latin syncopation in the music he bequeathed to America. All players, the great man declared with characteristic forthrightness, needed a hint of "Spanish rhythms. If you can't put tinges of Spanish in your tunes, you will never be able to get the right seasoning, as i call it. for jazz."

Just as Morton draped many of his tunes in the sensual pulse of the habanera, so Danilo Perez, the effervescent, Panamanian-born pianist, has injected fresh Latin colour into the often worryingly monochrome realm of contemporary jazz. His five-night stint in Soho at the Pizza Express Jazz Club - his first London residency - brings a rouch of youthful star quality to this year's Oris London Jazz Festival.

The pianist Danilo Perez has brought Panamanian sunshine into the often grey world of contemporary jazz. Clive Davis reports

His most recent album, a collection of Thelonious Monk tunes titled Panamonk, undoubtedly ranked among the best albums of 1996. It goes without saying, of course, that tributes to Monk - one of the fathers of postwar jazz plano, who died in 1982 — have hardly been in short supply over the past decade or so. Some of us, to be honest, would be more than happy never to hear another neo-bop treatment of his angular themes until well into the next millennium.

But Perez's bold approach to the internal rhythms casts the music in a radical new light, Four In One and Reflections emerge thoroughly reinvigorated, without any keyboard grandstanding or dilution of their

uniquely astringent, Monk-ish

For Perez, the record expressed his vision of jazz as music underpinned by swing and rhythm — a lesson that he makes a point of passing on in the improvisation classes that he teaches at the New England Conservatory. "One thing I'm trying to make my students aware of is that jazz needs to keep an element of dance," he says. "If you lose that, you lose people. I even teach them dance steps. The point I want to make is that you'vegot to play with your body."

It seems only appropriate that, early on, he should have found a niche in the big band of Dizzy Gillespie, whose early experiments in Afro-Cuban jazz (which he expressed

in compositions such as Mantecal tend to be overshadowed by his role y as a bebop ploneer.

Perez went on the road with the trumpeter's United Nation Orchestra after working with the Cuban reeds virtuoso Paquito D'Rivera. He later played a part in Wynton Marsalis's band - it was an excellent opportunity, he recalls, to immerse himself in the traditions of New Orleans-style syncopation.

He made two albums under his own name before signing to the impulse label and recording Panamonk. The second of those discs, The Journey, took the form of a suite exploring the cultural and social intricacies of the Airo-Latin melting

pot. If Perez's ambition sometimes

ly in the Richard Strauss

songs — not least the mercifully unpressurised Allerseelen and the apparently spontane

ous Zueignung encore — to prove that a sensitively

shaped line and a poetic piano

accompaniment are all that is needed even in a space as

large as this. The imposition

vocal and facial gestures

exceeded his reach on that occasion, it was still a highly promising session from the young man.

And a subject, too, that he hopes to revisit in the future. Although he now spends little of his time in Panama one of his principal ambitions is to make an album drawing on the mixed Catholic-African religious heritage of his native land.

"I find it a little frustrating son times," he says, "that when people talk about Latin music, they really always have Cuba in mind: Much as I like it, that's only one dimension. I really want to expose them to all the other forms that come from other parts of South America."

Mister Jelly Roll would surely have approved of his ambitions.

 Danilo Perez is at the Pizza Express Jazz Club, Dean St. London W1 (017)-439 8722) from today to Sat. The Oris London Jazz Festival continues until Sat. Programme details: 0171-405 5974

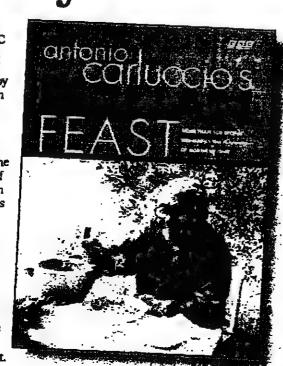
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CHANGING TIMES

CONCERTS: Underpar performance from a tardy diva; two great choirs sublime in tandem Badly served, those who sit and wait

top price of, say, £150 for three hours of opera at Covent Garden is commonly denounced as elitist. It represents better value, however, than a top price of £55 for no more than 50 minutes of music in a celebrity concert in the Bridgewater Hall.

Jessye Norman and Mark Markham's recital of songs by Brahms, Schubert and Strauss actually lasted a full two hours, but that included not only the legitimate delays and pauses but also the 15 minutes the two performers kept the audience waiting at the beginning and the ten minutes similarly deployed after the interval.

These were dangerous tacties. If, after making ber longawaited regal entry, the soprano had sung like an angel, even for half a concert, she would have been readily forgiven. But she did not. The great voice is evidently wearing thin in places and has lost more than a little of its

splendour. The result of a natural process to which all singers are vuinerable, that would have been understandable and acceptable enough if the artistry were consistently still there. It is beyond understanding, however, that a musician of her experience and intelligence should consider it desirable in so many cases to distort and discolour the vocal line by a grotesque over-application of expressive

It is true that an ordinary singer might have problems in defining detail in a large hall. But Jessye Norman is not one of those. Her interpretation of Schubert's Der Tod und das Mädehen was lack-

ing in neither intimacy not beauty. But she went on from there to an Erikonig thint sounded like a parody of the worst excesses in Lieder sing-ing, jumping between registers as though she were a whole trio of voices (baritone included) and provoking more amusement than pa-

She did much that was attractively idiomatic in

lollowing what the organisers of the Cambridge Music Festival rather wearily describe wearily describe as "some years of painstaking negotiation", a rare meeting happened in Cambridge on Friday night. Those two magnificent chapel choirs - of King's College and St John's College --joined forces in King's College chapel and

sang a concert together. That isn't unprecedented, but it hasn't happened for a long time. It is the choral equivalent of the Berlin and Vienna Philharmonics burying their rivalry for one night of glorious harmony, except that in this case Berlin and Vienna live just a few hundred yards apart.

And although the two choirs have probably converged in stylistic terms in recent years - certainly since the days when David Willcocks and George Guest respectively made King's and John's the ascetic chalk and the romantic cheese of the Anglican choral tradition there was still much anticipation about how, or even whether, they would gel as a single entity.

Lessys Romen Mandhasid

Brahms's Zigeunerlieder, but not without mouthing the first syllable of Brauner Bursche like a bite too big to chew, and stamping her feet in time to the rhythm we might other-

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In the event it was sublime. With more than 30 boys, and almost as many men. this was the cathedral choir of one's dreams: perfectly timed; beautifully blended; the treble line never strained, and soft-grained rather than throaty, yet with the strength to ride the far-fromdelicate orchestral textures of Schubert's great Mass in E flat. There were glimpses of the choir's power in the Kyrie and in the protracted fugal conclusions to Gloria and Credo. But it was in those startling. heaven-storming harmonies at the opengerated in the amphitheatre at Verona was, on the other hand, alienating.

And how strange it is that a nger who holds the audience in such thrali could not, until near the end, discourage the song by-song applause which - it was quite clear from her freeze-frame poses — she did not want to receive.

GERALD LARNER

ing of the Sanctus that these singers left the restrained world of Choral Evensong far behind.

Two other factors contributed to this sense of drama. The first was the pungent playing of the Brandenburg Orchestra, which accentuated the colour and contrast of this score. The other was the conducting of the King's College director of must stephen Cleobury. In the past he has sometimes seemed too prim and proper for big romantic scores, but here he found

fervour aplenty.

Of course, King's chapel, for all its nice roofwork. is something of a giorified bathroom in accoustic terms. The Mass. and a lively account of the Magnificat. D486, did not suffer too much: their effects are broad. But elsewhere in this all-Schubert concert (sponsored by the Cromwell Clinic, the artistry of the soprago Lynda Russell in Salve Regina, and of the violinist Elizabeth Wallfisch in the Rondo in A. was all but lost in the echoes.

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Matters of life and death arise from two new shows, one rich in gore, the other rich in meaning. Richard Cork reports

Visions that go more than skin deep

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are obsessed with mortality, a new national touring exhibition called The Quick and the Dead could hardly be better timed. Probing macabre and sometimes downright grotesque, this is not a show for the squeamish. But the 172 images selected by Dearma Petherbridge, Professor of Drawing at the Royal College of Art, are still compelling. They prove that the human body has been sliced open and explored for centuries by an astonishing array of fearless artists.

Their incisive findings fill the walls of the Royal College with revelations, and include some of the finest drawings in West-

cm art. Leonardo, an inveterate observer of dissected corpses, turned his ink and chalk studies into sublime meditations on corporeal existence. One sheet contains two drawings of skulls, both seen in profile. Leonardo's exquisite penmanship enables him to investigate every crevice, and his subtle study of the lower skull shows

how delicately it rests on the slender, intricate column of the neck. Although Leonardo was only too aware that dissection could be nauseating, disgust was in his case overcome by a sense of wonder. Even when he delves into the organic complexities of the female reproductive system, his drawing

ends up seeing these globular forms in awesome terms. Isolated on the page, these consummate studies give no hint of the chromstances governing their ene-cution. The truth is, though, that the bodies scrutinised by Renais-sance artists often belonged to hanged prisoners or anonymous victims of poverty. Andreas Vesalius, in a gruesome engraving of 1543, shows the skinned and disembowelled victim of a public execution still strung up by the rope that strangled him.

Theatre, we are still likely to recoil. in Jacques de Geyn II's print, made around 1615, Doctor Pieter Paauw is conducting a lesson with the male cadaver. While his hand rummages around the intestines. onlookers peer, frown and gesticulate. In order to underline the finality of the corpse's condition, three skulls six at the base of the dissecting table. And bad-tempered dogs squat in the foreground, waiting for human morsels.

Plenty of artists alleviate this imness with mordant humour. Pietro da Cortona shows a comely nude woman smiling as she pull open her sliced belly to disclose the

plumbing within. She seems as blithely unaffected by pain as the man who, in John Browne's lacerating print, performs a dance step while he tears skin and muscle from his shoulder. belonged to

> here, from any straightforward desire to learn about anatomical reality. Surrealism is prophesied in Crisostomo

We are a long way

Martinez's funtastical engraving of 1685, where skeletons sit, discuss, meditate and pose on plinths like noble classical stames. The monumental dignity of their surroundings culminates, below them, in a bare stone slab where an assortment of discarded bones is propped up for inspection. However functful they become,

though, most of these images remain almost pedantic in their fidelity to the facts of the body. Rigorously delineated details of sinews, arteries and organs abound wherever you look. Alessandro Allori delights in the definess with which he shows, on a single sheet, three stages in the progressive anatomising of a man's left leg. Having started with all its robust muscle and flesh proudly intact, the hapless limb is then methodically stripped of everything except a thin, vulnerable cluster of bones. Increased anatomical knowledge en-



Dissection Scene commemorating lectures by John Banister (1581), attributed to Nicholas Hilliard: the Royal College of Art's latest exhibition is not for the squeamish

abled Giulio Sanuto to depict Apollo's flaying of Marsyas with horrific realism in 1662.

Some artists cheekily use dissection as a disguise for erotic images. One well-built male nude on a bed was included in a publication sternly entitled Graphical Description of all the Muscles in the Human Body. But the man reclines on the pillow with a languorous, inviting air, and his genitals are

provocatively exposed.

When artists make three-dimensional models, however, seductiveness is hard to sustain. At the end of the 18th century André-Pierre Pinson tries to make his seated wax woman alluring, as she raises one arm in a balletic gesture to balance the other arm's downward thrust. But this graceful, enticing display is undermined by her cut-away torso, where the internal organs are revealed in all their glistening,

undulating rawness. Pinson's skill at manipulating coloured wax makes his dissected section difficult to scrutinise without flinching.

All the same, there are images of extraordinary, paradoxical beauty in this survey. Outstanding among them is the series of black and red chalk drawings made by Jan van Riemsdyck for William Hunter's seminal 1774 textbook Anatomy of the Human Gravid Uterus. When Petherbridge first came across them in Glasgow University Li-brary, they sparked the idea for this exhibition. Van Riemsdyck, who deserves to be better-known, is especially mesmerising in his study called Front View of the Womb. Although an opened, upright book has been placed in front of the dead woman's genitals, her body is otherwise depicted with uncompromising directness. So are the folds of skin parted to expose the womb,

which swells outwards and upwards like a burgeoning, over-ripe fruit. The whole picture could easily have been repulsive, but van Riemsdyck treats his subject with enormous respect and tenderness.

More remarkable still is his study of a Foetus in Profile, made in 1754 for William Smellie's A Sett of Anatomical Tables, with Explanations. The drawing must have been made from a dead child, who looks fully formed and ready for birth. But there is nothing unduly distressing about this serene image. Lying upside-down and hunched inside the womb's serpentine contours, the cramped foetus nevertheless looks at peace. Van Riemsdyck's virtuoso ability to simulate the textures of skin, bone and flesh is astounding, and yet always rigorously deployed. The opposite of flashy, it honours the

The most moving and impressive Although anatomical images can works on view all arise from a be gruelling and reek of extinction, similar motive. George Stubbs's justly renowned drawings for the they are at their best unexpectedly life-affirming. Marc Quinn, one of Anatomy of the Horse are precise, the contemporary artists who highlight the show's pertinence today, meditative and gravely admiring of the animal he scrutinises with such displays a flayed figure streaming care. A passion for anatomy runs with black rubber. He might be through everything produced by disintegrating; but he could equally Stubbs, who carried out his first well be struggling towards a state dissection when he was only eight of regeneration. In this respect, years old. Impervious to the stench Quinn shares the preoccupations explored in the 16th century by of the carcass cut up for his later Giorgio Ghisi, whose Vision of Ezekiel shows skeletons rising from horse studies, he pursued an admirably perceptive investigation. But the knowledge Stubbs gained never prevented him from appreciating their tombs and regaining their

appropriate feeling of tenderness.

the animal's essential qualities.

Freighted with dense information,

the pencil drawings still convey his brittle bones can undergo a miracuardent response to the tensile strength of the horse's legs, lous rebirth. • The Quick and the Dead, organises

totality is far from depressing.

Envoys face up to mortality

obody could appear more poised than the two figures who preside over the National Gallery's new exhibition. They cocupy their space in Holbein's magisterial painting with the authority of young --- and successful Renaissance men. Jean de Dinteville, French Ambassador to England in 1533, is by far the more lavishly attired of the pair. But neither he nor his friend Georges de Seive, Bishop of Lavaur, could be accused of shyness. They are on public display, life-size and full face, in an elaborate picture stacked with evidence of their intellectual accomplishments.

No wonder The Ambassadors has now been made the centrepiece of a special show. Its richness of meaning matches the splendour of the textures Holbein simulates with such beguiling skill Ranged on the furniture between them is a complex still life, testifying to the encyclopaedic breadth of their interests. Musical instruments lie beside astronomical devices and treatises on mathematics. The arts and sciences cohabit here with an ease

almost unimaginable today. So do sacred and secular concerns. On the lower shelf, an open book clearly exposes a hymn by Martin Luther. But a nearby globe symbolises the Renaissance appetite for exploration of Earth rather than Heaven. And Jean de Dinteville ensured that his worldly assets are proclaimed on the globe's surface, where the Frenchman's ample estate, Polisy in Champagne, is identified with lordly prominence.

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Although the resplendent painting is primarily a cele-bration of friendship, it also reflects the fact that Dinteville was responsible for commissioning this unusually large image. He brandishes affluence, virility and style. His sumptuous, lynx-lined gown is parted to reveal a pink satin doublet, heavy medallion and embossed weaponry. The patrician stance he adopts is almost as domineering as Henry VIII's pose in Holbein's drawing on the next wall.

The Bishop, as belits his calling, is more discreet than his peacock companion. But he looks formidably assured, and groomed with fastidious precision. Holbein's meticulous brushmarks pick out every hair in his elegant moustache and close-cut beard, as well as disclosing how the minuscule tendrils travel down his neck and even grow through the opening in his pristine linen collar.

Who, then, took the astonishing decision to make a grotesquely distorted skull float before all this magnificence? Seen from the front, with the corrective aid of a cylinder, the monumental death's head is scarcely identihable. But its gravity-flouting presence challenges the verisimilitude behind; and viewed from the right side the skull shrinks to a rational shape.

The National Gallery has obligingly provided us with a platform where we can look at the skull from the correct position. It is an amusing optical game to play, but should not terroit anyone to underestimate the significance



Hans Holbein's The Ambassadors, now the focus of a National Gallery exhibition

of this chilling intrusion. Ominously suspended in space the memento mori mocks the ambassadors' grandeur, and reminds them that the grave is, finally, inescapable.

Since Georges de Selve was a man of the Church, he may have encouraged his friend to include the skull. After all, a silver crucifix can also be detected, half-concealed by a iustrous green curtain. The suffering body chimes with the mood of the death's head and promises redemption as well, suggesting that the Bishop would not have been happy with a painting that extolled carthly status alone.

Elsewhere in this illuminating survey, though, we find reminders of Holbein's own preoccupation with mortality. His Dance of Death woodcuts culminate in an especially harsh image where a married

couple find themselves separated by a shield bearing an hour-glass and skull. Here, around 1525, is a clear precedent for the death's head threatening the ambassadors eight years later.

Like many artists of the period, Holbein was accustomed to incorporating overt references to death in his work. One of the finest images here is Lucas van Leyden's drawing of Saint Jerome, staring socrowfully at a crucifix while he fingers a crack running through the skull in front of him. All the same, Dinteville may

well have been primarily responsible for including the death's head in Holbein's painting. A candid letter writer, he confessed in the year when the portrait was executed that "I am the most melancholy, weary and wearisome

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ambassador that ever was seen". Those words prompt us to look again at his handsome face, and detect more than a hint of sadness beneath its seeming serenity.

Holbein expended all his virtuosity on The Ambassadors, and the recent exemplary cleaning enables us to marvel far more readily than before at his painterly aplomb. Because Holbein was a consummate draughtsman, he is often regarded primarily as a master of the defining contour. But by 1533, his command of brush and colour had become equally awesome. In The Ambassadors the stuff of life is lauded with heady, illusionistic conviction; and it makes the threat death all the more troubling.

• Holbein's Ambassadors is at the National Gallery (0171-839 3321)

SINCE Charles Bartlett is just coming up to 75, it is obviously high time for a retrospective, and what more appropriate place for it than the Bankside Gallery, home of the Royal Watercolour Society? Bartlett is, after all, known primarily as a watercolourist, and has done his five-year stint as president of the RWS. However, Bartlett is no dyed-in-the-wool tradi-

tionalist, but very clearly a modern artist who just happens to work in a medium which has a long, strong tradition behind it. Most of his watercolours, like his oils and his prints, are landscape-based. But when he

finally arrived at the Royal College of Art after his war service he found himself a contemporary of Alan Reyn-olds and Edward Middleditch, and one can see clear parallels in his work with their ways of formalising and then virtually abstracting the scene before them. Some of Bartlett's etchings

are almost completely ab stract, though the link with representation is never completely broken. The watercolours seldom go that far, but their landscape is regularly deconstructed and put together again in a pattern which owes more to the artist's emotions and his constructive instinct than to the facts. The spirit of the place is unmistak-ably there, but conveyed with the poet's rather than the topographer's insight.

Bankside Gallery, 45 Hopton

Street, SE1 (0171-928 7521). Tues-Fri 10am-5pm (Tues to 8pm), Sat-Sun 1-5pm, tomorrow until Nov 30. Admission £3.50, concs £2

IF YOU were looking for a demonstration of watercolour's versatility, you could hardly do better than to go directly from Bartlett to David Remfry. For the past 20 years Remfry has been conducting a long-distance love affair with New York. Early in 1995 he decided to go and live there for an extended period, and his new show at the Mercury Gallery is the first to bring us the artistic results of his move. Oddly — for who thinks of New York and watercolour in the same breath? -- all the

works on show are large

arrested in graceful movement. by the Hayward Gallery, is at the RCA (0171-590 4444) until Nov 24 That is why the exhibition as a

AROUND THE GALLERIES

watercolours and drawings. Even odder, the first thought that strikes you is not Nineties Both in his writing and in New York but Twenties Berlin. Almost all the pictures are his visual art Jones tended to of couples or individuals dancact as though he were totally

background. Partly because of a coincidence in the dress modes, partly because of a similar taste for picturesque lowlife, the watercolours of Georg Grosz come irresistibly to mind. But Remfry lacks altogether Grosz's mordant distaste: he loves what he is depicting, and draws and paints it with exuberance. Mercury Gallery, 26 Cork Street, WI (0171-287 9809). Mon-Fri 10am-5_30pm, Sat 10am-12.30pm, until Nov 22

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be dancehalls - the figures

are presented almost without

☐ PERHAPS watercolour is conducive to eccentricity. An earlier British artist who used the medium very much in his own way for his own ends was David Jones, a small but

choice show of whose works on paper is at Wolseley Fine Arts from tomorrow.

unaware of anyone else work-

ing in the same forms, so that

one constantly has the impres-

sion that everything in his art

is invented ab initio. His

watercolours are really lightly

tinted drawings, eschewing

washes almost completely.

The First World War

drawings, mostly done much

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are quite straightforward, but

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as intricate and overlaid as his

later writings. Jones is either a

earlier form. Ecstatic winged cher-

ubs soar above the graveyard,

revelling in the realisation that

great genius or a fascinating oddity; each spectator will have to decide which. Wolseley Fine Arts, 12 Needham Road, WII (0171-792 2788). Tues-Fri Ham-6pm, Sat Ham-5pm, until Dec 13

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CLOCKS AND CLOUDS: The second part of the series exploring the amorphous music of Gyorgy Ligeti continues. Esa-Peida Selenan conducts continues. Esa-Palka Salahan conducts the Philhamman. Cronesta and the London Sinfonietia Vinces in a programme met also features works by nor of the Hungartan composer's stylistic ancestors: Debussy and Ravel. Feativel Helf. South Bank, SE1 (0171-980 4242) Tonight, 7.30pm (§)

HE LENGTH MAKE The product composer is Peter Memel Davies conducts the Royal Phihamonic Orchestra in a programma leaduring two of his own recent works. The evening opens and closes with Beethoven's Egynorit Overtises and the Pastonal Summitting respectively. Symphony respectively.

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THE POPULAR MECHANICALS: The six artisans of A Midsummer Night's e and perform the play Drawn rehearse and perform the play Shakespears would have written for them if he'd had the time. Joby Austrialian cornedly directed by Gaditrey Rush (David Hetigoth in Shine). Arts. Theetine, Great Newport Sines, WC2 (0171-836 3334/8362132). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Set, 7-30pm; mats. Fn, 2pm.

ELSEWHERE MANCHESTER: The artist formerly known as Nagel Kennedy joins the English Chamber Orchestra in a programme teaturing music by Eight.

C BKG GIPLS One week run for a musical on the art of losing weight, five gars, 13 musical numbers, created by Colin Davie and Christopher Library, Wrashinston Studie, The Bossey, SW19 (0181-540 0362) Mon-Sat.

BI CLOSER: in Petrick Marber's new play, directed by himself, sally Dealer and Liza Welfer. Clearn Hends and Cave Onen play strengers who fell romantically but cruely in love National (Lyterbon), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) Tonght, 7-30pm, fornamow 2-15pm and 7-30pm, in rep.

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shoes and finds trouble Standard action from Hong Kong director Fingo Lam With Natasha Henstridge. Vingin Trocadero (j) (0181-970 6015)

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A plum role at the National Theatre is depriving TV of Patrick Malahide. Daniel Rosenthal reports

Next stage for a class act

transforms certain actors, the John Thaws and Kevin Whatelys. into household names; others, such as Patrick Malahide, it turns into household faces. His triple role in The Sing-

places. Entertailing lift Servine, Jos. Onon's brillently kurnly breaking of taboes and the playwright's first success. Showing over in the Anthony Hopides Theathe (7.30pm), Rape Of The Fair Country, an adeptation by Marcon Earnes of Alexander Cordell's noval, directed by Tim Baker The play is set in 1826 whan English-owned steekenks destroy the heating of a Wish's walker. ing Detective, desiccated Casaubon in Middlemarch and suave sleuthing as inspector Alleyn had audiences of more than seven million. In the NEWCASTLE: View nem by the Rays early Eighties, 16 million of us Liverpool Philhermonic Orchestra with a programme featuring Mozart's Symphony No 35, the Golden Spinning Wheel by Dvorak and the Firebird by laughed at him as Minder's DS Chisholm, his attempts to collar Arthur Daley ranking Care Half (0191-26) 2000), Toniote, second only to the Willy Coyote/Roadrunner saga as the most futile pursuit in

OLDHAM: The 7 Ages Of Wessen, Barbara Dickson's Interesting-sounding programme, chairs the story, through song, of a woman's journey from crade to grave Includes traditional Cettic mattic and well-forces hits. Only Band Colleguen, Fairbottom St (0161-824 2829) Mon-Thur and Set, 7.30pm; Fn, Spm. Until Nov 22.

THEATRE GUIDE

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CINEMA GUIDE

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MY BOY JACK: David Heig's

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House full, returns only Score state prices

MOLD: Two plays both have two nabonal opening hights here tonight well territoriow before extending the repertoire in the Emilyn Williams

Theatre (7.45pm), Dominic Cooks check, Entertaining Mr Sawns, Jo

"made me a big star" although missing out on universal, Morse-like recognition is no cause for regret "when you've been part of a landmark like Singing Detective. The only drawback with such a formidable small-screen CV is that people can appear to forget you have ever been on stage. People such as Trevor Nunn who, when he offered Malahide a National Theatre debut as the Elizabethan poetpolitician, Edmund Spenser, in Frank McGuinness's new play. Mutabilitie, said: "Patrick, I associate you with

entertainment history. Marvellous performances all, they never, in his words,

"I was rather thrown by that," says Malahide in a pub near his North London home. "I thought, "What about my first 20 years in acting? From 1969 until 1991, not a year went by without my doing at least one stage role." He had not intended the break from theatre to be so long: "Mutabilitle was simply the first play I've been offered in that time that I couldn't ignore."

television."

It is set in Ireland in 1598, in the aftermath of the Munster Wars, when English aggression has, as Spenser (then serving as Sheriff of Cork) puts it, left "a most populous



and plentiful country devoid of man and beast". The poet begins determined to cleanse Ireland of "heathen, superstitious Rome" and "reform it to the true faith" personified by the virgin monarch for whom he is writing the epic Faerie Then an encounter with

Shakespeare (Anton Lesser). who turns up half-dead near Spenser's castle, and the murderous plotting of two Irish servants, combine to strip away his certainty. There are echoes of The Tempest and Brian Friel's Translations.

though McGuinness's disturbing melting pot of mythology, nationalism, religion and sexuality defies classification. "Spenser is one of the most

difficult parts I've tackled because of the terrible contradictions in the man," says Malahide "He favours converting the Irish by destroying their language and culture, but that means going against his nature as a poet. The strain is like piano wire tightening throughout the play, driving him from his wife and child

Malahide is 49, but if age provides a parallel, the actor's background gives the casting an ironic edge. Malahide was born to Irish parents and educated at Douai in Reading. a Roman Catholic boarding school run by Benedictine monks. "In terms of history. and culture, I still consider myself to be Irish, so it is odd.

lish imperialism." After Douai, where the Benedictines tanght him "a great rule: seldom agree, never

to be surrounded by Irish

actors while playing Spenser.

this epitome and icon of Eng-

deny, always distinguish", he started and then abandoned a degree in experimental psychology at Edinburgh Univer sity, turning to acting after a spell as a schoolmaste Three decades on, he brings

the academic application which helped his brother and sister to PhDs to his other career as P.C. Duggan (his test annuaire changed cause Equity already had a Patrick Duggan), author of meticulously researched BBC thrillers: Reasonable Force. about police corruption, and last year's The Writing on

"I love the research, and with my feel for detail I think I should have been an historian. I also enjoy being in control of my creativity as a writer, hereas actors are constantly dependent on a director's say-

He feels his writing has made him a better, more relaxed actor", though the criterion for accepting a partsomething with a flavour I can really taste" - remains the same. "If there's nothing like that around I'll do something big and exciting instead." For "big and exciting" read "action movie". Since 1995 he has appeared in the disastrous Cutthroat Island and, as a corrupt intelligence officer, in The Long Kiss Goodnight (both directed by Renny Harlin). Next year, we can look forward to his diplomatic security chief in US Marshals, the new vehicle for Tommy Lee Jones's character from The Fugitive.
Those films are thrilling to

work on. It's a big day for the BBC if a director has two cameras running for the same shot. Renny Harlin runs nine. it's enormous fun to spend three days flying over a Canadian lake in a helicopter to get one shot for Long Kiss Goodnight."

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As to why Hollywood reeatedly casts British and Irish actors in small parts as cops, Feds or CIA spooks (Brian Cox in Chain Reaction and The Glimmer Man, Colm Meaney in Con Air). Malahide volunteers a simple explanation. "We're cheaper. If they hire me they're getting an actor with 30-odd years' experience who will do a good without complaining about the length of his trailer or demanding megabucks. A class act at a reasonable price - not a bad epitaph, is it? · Mutabilitie previous at the

Cottesion Theatre, SEI (0171-928 2252) from Friday

The lady was a jazzman

more surprised than Billy Tipton's offspring when they were told by a coroner in 1989 that their late father was in fact a woman. To everyone. including, allegedly, his three idion was an arche typal Fifties jazzman who played the circuit for 40-odd

downmarket nightclub.
Here Liza Sadovy's fast-

talking, finger-jabbing Johnny

Christmas comes back from

the grave wearing pinstripe

suit and saxophone to remi-

years and wore a lot of surgical bandages in bed.

The story, as briefly chronicled in Time magazine, is the inspiration for Carson Kreitzer's intriguing cabaret-drama, which makes a bold leap from the fringe to the West End. Her piece couldn't have landed in a more appropriate venue. It needs only a few coloured lightbulbs and a tight jazz band to turn the Whitehall into an intimate,

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Christopher Colquhoun's The Slow Drag Whitehall nisce, mostly about his wife, June, with best friend and ster Kent.

All sly smiles and Bryicreem. Johnny works the audience like a fairground showman, spinning into Everybody Loves My Baby in a believably male, tin-clad tenor, and beaming in awe at the wife he sweet-talked across a café table. Kim Criswell's "June Wedding" sashays from torch song to torch song like a voluptuous battleship, her veivet voice as soft and ample as her bosom.

Between jazz standards, the three pros relive chunks of their lives. The dialogue has the damp sting of a Chandler movie. I sat on a whole lotta laps before I was 18," says June, subsiding into a pool of whisky. There is little pride in the sacrifices for this art. For

Chester it means chalking-up to play white-only clubs. For Johnny to play saxophone, the price is a fanatical allegiance to his adopted sexuality. He sourly notes that fame escaped were too busy looking at his wife's taut dress. The fascinating roots of

Tipton's story, however, reach a lot of dead ends. We have no idea why June married Johnny, what kind of sex they had (surely a prime dramatic consideration), and only a titiliating half-suggestion that Chester fathered Johnny's

children. The problem ultimately is that Kreitzer exposes the lies they lived but none of the truths. Despite this, there is enough genuine heart and skill on show, notably from Sadovy's Johnny, to whisk us through 90 minutes.

JAMES CHRISTOPHER

Henry IV is the play, or pair of Proving plays, in which Hal gives himself an education in the meaning of life. Ron Daniels's fine revival suggests that Henry V is where he gets a parallel lesson in death. Never have I seen a production that makes it so clear that the young king matures, grows and deepens as a result of the Agincourt

at first almost didactically so. Michael Sheen's Henry and his men sit in some briefing room, itself weirdly surround-ed by slabs of Washington's Vietnam Memorial, watching old films of mud and blood at the Somme. But don't be put off. Daniels's point is that, though people may realise in abstract that war must not be undertaken lightly, they can only comprehend its reality by getting out of the classroom and into the furnace itself. Hence Sheen's uninhibited

playing of the Harfleur epi-sode. Eyes gleaming, words soaring, he shows us the exhibitation of power and conquest. So carried away is

is hell

The period is 20th century. he by his own bloodthirsty fustian that his brother Gloucester grabs at him, as if to pull him back to humanity. But then, as any amateur,

historian knows, things get difficult. Disease and exhaustion take their toll. An example has to be made of Hal's old friend, the thief Bardolph, By the time of Agincourt itself all Henry's macho rhetoric has gone, and a sense of responsi-bility and camaraderic has taken its place.
Sheen does not make this

transition over-obviously, or try to turn Henry into a case.

study of royal self-discovery. His king is volatile and responsive, capable of weeping over the body-bag that contains Davy Gam Esq and of cadging a kiss from the French princess Katherine. It is an excellent performance, betterthan I remember it at Stratford a few weeks ago, and it gets strong support.

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Warning to exporters on single currency

By BRIAN COLLETT

EXPORTERS selling in European Union countries adopting the single currency in 1999 have been given a warning of trouble

ahead if they do not prepare now. Yet 82 per cent of 600 small and medium-sized exporters told a Lloyds Bank survey that they were less sure of the preparations that they should make than they were a year ago.

Most, for example, had not considered adapting their tech-nology to produce pricings in euros. Companies that handle the single currency inefficiently, or refuse to work in it, risk losing customers.

The importance that all busi-nesses should place on planning for European economic and monetary union when, as is likely, it is introduced after the next general election, is almost as great, Lloyds Bank believes.

Most businesses are slow to appreciate that a psychologically good price such as £9.99 could translate into 14.70 euros - the ecu figure it now represents which might be increased to 14.99 euros for bargain appeal. That could push up inflation.

Another little appreciated com-plication is that, for a while, dual pricing and unit pricing would accompany the single currency. Under unit pricing a greengrocer would have to mark goods per pound and per kilo, in euros and

Discounted items would also have to be similarly marked with old and new prices, resulting in eight price tags

These and other monetary union issues are being put to businesses in 70 Lloyds seminars throughout Britain. The seminars, attended by specialists from Lloyds, the Bank of England, and other European banks, will continue until the end of this month.

Participating businesses are given a booklet to guide them through the next live years. ☐ In a poll of 200 finance directors of small companies and a few corporates by Accountancy Age and Reed, the recruitmen group, 43 per cent said they favoured Britain's adoption of the

single currency in 1999 and 40 per

cent said they opposed it.

adviser left on the shelf Bookseller turned hobby to job after redundancy, says

avid Grayling is not the sort of man you would associate with dusty old books. Essentially an outdoors man, when he is not browsing through dusty volumes he is walking the Cumbrian fells.

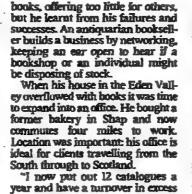
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As a young Lancashire lad he was interested in the country and natural history and went to agricultural college, from where he pro-gressed to a job as adviser for the British Oil and Cake Mills. "I certainly didn't anticipate be-

coming an antiquarian bookseller," he said, but in 1971 my job suffered in a takeover and I was made redundant. I had always been an enthusiastic amateur collector of books and there was a ready supply of them in those days. I browsed in antique and junk shops, advertised in local papers and bought from private collectors.

"I didn't actually know much about the trade when I started but I learnt quickly. When I had collected about 150 books I compiled a catalogue and advertised in appropriate journals."

Browsing in private house libraries is a very personal thing but as he became known Mr Grayling was recommended by clients and increased his stock of books. He admits that he made initial mistakes, paying too much for some



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Over the years, serious collectors have become more discerning about the quality and condition of books which they buy, so finding worthwhile titles has become more demanding. Big game titles have

David Grayling enjoyed collecting books but never expected to become an antiquarian bookseller always been popular and some people like to build up complete

> For example, Collins published the New Naturalist series and some the scarcer titles were fetching £150 or more. "Considering that most of them were published in the 1950s and 1960s, prices were extraordinarily high," he said.

> A comparatively recent venture has been republishing books which have become scarce himself. This however, a risky business and Mr Grayling makes certain that there is demand for a particular title before he republishes it. David Grayling 01931 716746.

'Angels' brighten up life for solar light manufacturer

ford in South Wales, a company specialising in developing and manufacturing solar-powered street lamps, is the first small business to benefit from the new Wales Business Angels Network

David Morgan, who runs the business with Stephen Barney, his brother-in-law, said: "We had been looking for finance for some time, but found it very difficult. It has been an uphili struggle to get that initial funding needed to launch a new product."

He added: "We are delighted that

through the Business Angels Network we have found a backer who has confidence in our product and is prepared to provide the necessary finance to enable us to start manufacturing these units."

Mr Morgan, a design engineer is convinced that there is potentially a large market for solar-nowered street lamps, particularly in Mediterranean countries. He believes that emphasis on energy conservation, plus international fears of global warming, makes solar power increasingly attractive.

He said: "Countries throughout

the world are committed to reducing carbon dioxide emissions. Public lighting systems which use vast amounts of energy are one of the immediate areas of concern."

he is keen to bring new solar power products, such as an imigation pump designed for the Third World, to the marketplace. Ray Hercombe, manager of the

Mr Morgan is now able to manufacture lamps to order. And

Welsh Business Angels, said: "This solar lighting system is exactly the

SOLAR SOLUTIONS of Ammon- sort of innovative product that we are keen to encourage. The network has been running for only a few weeks, but we have already attracted a dozen 'angels'. "

The network was set up by the Welsh Office, CBI Wales, the European Regional Development Fund. and the Welsh Development Agency.

Hazardous life of the small retailer

FOR an exciting life, open a post office or a newsagents. These, NatWest Bank says, are the riskiest retailing businesses for occupational hazards (Rodney Hobson writes). Pubs and wine bars come a close second as they tot up the cost of theft, accidental damage, personal accidents, burst pipes and fires.

Other retailers seem to bring their own problems on themselves. Hairdressers, for instance, are prone to floods, fish and chip shops catch fire and butchers suffer most from stock deteriorating.

NatWest Business Insurance Services, a subsidiary of the bank, studies insurance claims from its 8.500 retail customers. Not surprisingly, it found that the longer a business was open, the more likely it was to suffer from theft. That put post offices and newsagents at the sharp end. All three categories are also victims of malicious damage to shopfronts, a problem that is

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Advice on how to make a successful small business into a larger one is contained in The Growing Business Handbook, published by Kogan Page in association with the CBI and KPMG. It costs £14.99.

☐ More than 300 small businesses from all over the UK will be exhibiting at Country Living mag-azine's five-day Christmas exhibition opening tomorrow at the Business Design Centre, Islington.

A health and safety audit for the guidance of small companies has been produced by the Forum of Private Business and the TUC. It is broken down into types of business and covers everything from the need to have a first-aid box to regulations on handling dangerous chemicals. Price: £18.50 to forum members, £185 to nonmembers. Call 01565 634467.

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□ Next year's fourth biennial technology transfer conference will be on innovation in small firms. The event, from July 6-8 at the Commonwealth Institute in London, is organised by the Teaching Company Directorate, which is calling for papers by December 1. Themes, with workshops, are: opportunities for small firms; people in small firm development; and supporting and financing innovation in small firms. Call Sarah Goodyer on 01367

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Victoria McKee argues that the Woodward trial was also a battle of cultures



Guilty of being British?

udge Hiller Zobel might not have needed to play Solomon had Louise Woodvard broken down in tears on the witness stand over Mathew Eappen's death. Unfortunately for her. the only time the showed raw emotion was when she collapsed as the guilty verdict came in. If shenad shown half the hysteria of some of her supporters, pelhaps the verdict would havebeen different. The cultural dashes in the

case have been a fascinating as the legal one. The defensachusetts county of Middlesex, where the first shot was fired in the American Revolution. She had entrusted much of her defence to 1 "whiz-kid" New York lawyer with a reputation for wizardry on scientific evidence, and for having helped OJ. Simpson to walk". "People were saying, 'She must be guily because she hired Scheck," said Julie Campbell, head of a legal

consultancy in Bosten. That Barry Scheck was telegenic carried no weight with a Massachusetts jury who pre-ferred the straight-taking Assistant District Attorney Gerard Leone, whose annual salary would scarcely (eep Mr Scheck in suits for a year.

Mary Spillane, educated at Harvard Business School and head of CMB Image Consultants, has coached witnesses for trials. She said: "Woodward's cool, controlled testimony in the witness box — which British juries might have admired — would have been seen as cold, calculating and emotionless. Americans would have responded better to a teary teenager. The fact that Louise looked bland and

dumpy and sad should have

helped: it was the cold body

language and smiles and

laughter at the wrong points

Charles Maclean, a Massa-

chusetts lawyer, said: "I

thought for a 19-year-old girl she was perhaps too com-posed. You have to convey the

sadness of the death. But you

can't coach someone to be

popular Boston Irish District

Attorney, Tom Reilly, and his

Ms Spillane also cited the

home-grown prosecution team of Martha Coakley and Leone, as culturally crucial. There was the undercurrent Boston Irish prejudice against the and Massachusetts Brits against New York."

Mr Maclean, a former policeman, said: "The Boston Irish versus English undercurrent is probably more dealthough there's always been a rivalry between Boston and New York." He pointed out, however, that

Woodward also had two re-

spected local lawyers on her

team, Andrew Good and Har-

local doctors over the elite experts Mr Scheck called. Mr

Maciean said: "Local doctors

The English QC George Carman talked of the "alien"

factor. "If I can give you a

light-hearted example . . .

Years ago when I was a young

barrister doing a case in

always count for more.

Jurors also chose to believe

side said to the Welsh judge 'I appear for the injured Welsh workman and my friend Mr Carman, who comes from Manchester, appears for the English insurance company'. I've never forgotten that. The local attorneys prose

Wales, counsel on the other

proved extremely fortunate for

Louise," Mr Caplan. chair-

man of the Bar Council report

on televising the courts (1989), said. "It mobilised public opin-

ion. It is difficult to say

whether things would have

been conducted differently

But Phil Benjamin, a former

Assistant District Attorney in

Massachusetts, thinks justice

was done and seen to be done.

"I thought the case was very well tried, with both sides well

prepared. The sense I got was

without the camera there."

cuting appealed more to the emotions of this jury than the English girl defendant, whose vocabulary and idiomatic language may not have gone down well in Boston. Maybe they expected more of her in terms of tears or remorse, whereas the English ethos is to be more controlled. There was quite a clash between the mother [Deborah Eappen] and the girl in style of presentation to the jury."

clash in expectation of au Considered pairs. home help in Britain, in America, as one Massachusetts mother told me: "We expect them to provide fulltime, cheap care for our children and our houses. Sometimes we even call them nannies."

Jonathan Caplan, QC, said: Whether any British juries have been prejudiced by the attitude or representation of a barrister is something we don't usually find out here.

Televising this trial has

that the jury just didn't believe Louise. In the end that's what claims. There is no question but that the level counted against her."

American way to win injury claims

MARTYN DAY

The American personal injury claim system is often derided in Britain. But are we right to sneer? I suggest that it is time for us to stop looking down our noses and to start adopting some features of the American system, such as jury trials and

There is strong evidence that corporate Britain is likely to be injuring and killing through environmental pollution and through its products — many people, but there will always be weaknesses in the ability of the regulators to control this. For example, when my firm was pursuing the Sellafield childhood leukaemia claims I was surprised to find that we were the only outside body to have gone through internal British Nuclear Fuels documents relating to the radioactive discharges from the plant. The Nuclear Inspectorate and National Radiological Protection Board never saw this as their job.

The problem for injury lawyers, such as myself, when we take on cases to try to bring these companies to book, is that genetic science is still in its infancy in terms of being able to show that particular substances cause particular illnesses. With the burden being on the plaintiff to prove the case, corporate Britain walks away extremely lightly

in court. If we are to have a system devoted to the protection of individuals, it is vital that it be a dynamic personal injury system that brings the companies causing damage to heel, and puts more cards into the hands of the plaintiff. Having a personal injury system that protects the health of human beings should be seen as a fundamental

right, not just a safety net when all else fails. In the US there has been an explosion of mass tort claims over the past 15 years, with hundreds of thousands of people suing, often successfully, in relation to Agent Orange, Dalkon Shield, Bjork-Shiley heart valves, the drugs DES and Bendictin, asbestos, breast implants and tobacco. Some of these claims have massively hit the American corporate world, sometimes for many millions, even billions, of dollars. Nothing has been seen in the UK that remotely matches the scale and impact of those claims.

In Britain there have been a number of disasters and other group claims, but in no case have the defendants paid out more than a few millions of pounds, a tiny fraction of the US settlements. The personal injury system company to its knees.

in the UK is no more than an irritant to British companies: in the US it can bring a In America it is jurors, rather than the

British judge, who determine personal injury

probabilities" in the two systems, is much lower before a jury than before a judge. It is my view that a judge in the UK, faced with a ground-breaking decision and a reputation to protect, will tend to be more conservative than a jury, which is far more likely to give the plaintiff the benefit of the doubt and will probably be looking for a far lower level of

As well as giving more favourable decisions for the plaintiff and generally awarding more substantial damages than is the case here, these members of the American public are also able to award punitive damages against companies when it is thought that they have acted in a way that demands society's punishment.

The money made by US lawyers is often used as an argument against the American system. Though I am certainly not advocating the extremes of this system, it does have

some benefits. UK lawyers, not enjoying anything like the same rewards, are more inclined to take the safe option not to take risks and not to put the pro bono time into developing new areas of work.

A good example of all this is the tobacco cases. In reading through the papers that have emerged from the industry over the past three years, what is crystal clear is that the greatest fear of the industry was being taken on not by the regulators in the US and UK. but by the US lawyers. The industry was successful in its strategy, defeating 400 individual claims, until it was taken

on by the big guns of the plaintiffs' Bar, with all the many hundreds of millions of dollars at their disposal, primarily emanating from their successful asbestos claims. Recognising that its bluff had been called, the industry agreed to pay out \$368 billion, a mind-boggling sum.

do not want to suggest that nothing is yet happening in Britain, and indeed tobac-L co is a good instance where we have decided to take the bull by the horns, but most of the claims are one-off actions, which are likely to have little overall impact on the defendant companies.

It is quite clear that the British personal injury system has moved towards the American way, but it still has an enormous distance to travel before our system goes about protecting the rights of the British citizen with the vigour of the Americans. Despite all its faults, the American system has a lot from which we could learn.

■ The author, senior partner of Leigh Day & Co, is acting for plaintiffs in the first tobacco-related claims in Britain.

Unions to the rescue

TRADE UNIONS seemlikely to plug part of the gap bit by civil legal aid for money disputes. Trade unions won a record £330 million compensation last year for people in-jured at work. A TUC survey published last week found that the unions helped 150,000 people last year for a range of work-related problems and injuries, including occupational cases involving stress, asbestos and asthma. John Monks, the TUC Gen-

eral Secretary, said the TUC planned to fit the gap from next April in the civil justice system by providing not just members but non-members with access to law firms that act for unions to secure damages. He added "Legal aid is a non-starter for most working people and heir families. Union membership is the only safety net left."

People off work from an injury should seek com-



Her cool, controlled testimony

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pensation or medical treatment through a union, rather than relying on the Government, he said. The TUC is devising proposals for a new

workplace "legal aid" scheme

Blind justice SEVEN magistrates' advisory committees, the bodies that

Law gets in the picture

and clients traipsing around to consult counsel at their chambers are ending. Video-conferencing is gaining ground; the latest chambers to set up a link is that of Anthony Arlidge, QC, which has just moved from King's Bench Walk to 18 Red Lion Court. Video Conferencing for Lawyers, a company run by Michael Kaye, a North London solicitor and technology entrepreneur, set up a live video



Arlidge, QC: move

link between the chambers, which was holding a reception, and Sir Frederick Lawton, a retired Court of Appeal judge and one of the set's founders, who now lives in Yorkshire and could not make the journey

appoint magistrates, are seeking suitable blind candidates for appointments to the bench. The move has been welcomed by the Royal National Institute for the Blind and the Lord Chancellor, who announced in July that he wanted to appoint blind people as JPs. Those appointed will be part of a pilot project over the next six months.

Over to Straw

WHO SAID Jack Straw and Lord Irvine of Lairg were not on friendly terms? The Lord Chancellor said last week that he got on with the Home Secretary "well and proper" and that they regularly lunched "without officials". It was, he added, Straw's turn to

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rom Aberian up to the Southall train crash in September, more than 1,000 victims have perished in tragedies for which companies could have been held liable. In addition, the TUC has announced a 20 per cent increase in deaths in the workplace

Tomorrow the Health and Safety Executive will release its latest figures. Yet the law seems powerless to punish

large companies.
The problem with the law of corporate manslaughter is the need to identify the controlling mind. The controlling officer will usually be a director. The only successful prosecution of a corporation for manslaughter by gross negligence was that of OLL Ltd. In that case, four teenagers on an activity holiday drowned while canoe-

ing in Lyme Bay, Dorset.

The company was a oneman band whose "directing mind" was plainly that of its managing director. Peter Kite. who was sentenced to imprisonment. Contrast this with a large company, where the safety officer is often too lowly even to raise concerns with the directors.

Under the proposed new offence of corporate killing, company directors would be severely dealt with and, if convicted, fined personally or jailed. There was a consensus that the Law. Commission proposals are likely to become

The Law Commission was asked to review involuntary manslaughter as a whole. The new proposed offence of corporate killing has the advantage of being easier to prove, as it: rests upon a management failure. But it has drawbacks. The punishment is an unlimited fine on the company (paid into government funds and, as a company expense, paid by the shareholders). The court will also have the power to



Rescue services search Lyme Bay for the four teenagers who drowned after their canoes capsized during an activity holiday in Dorset

(restricted to, for example, the machine that caused the death, not a safety audit of the whole system). Unlike corporate manslaughter, corporate killing does not cover deaths abroad (except in restricted circumstances, such as oil platforms in the North Sea). The new offence of corporate

panies may face huge fines and a restricted remedial order can be made. But will this be enough to satisfy public concern? And will the new law encourage improved safety What is needed is a measure

to make those with the day-today control more personally

would be to amend company who have the real comrol, but law, making it compulsory for it is their duty to maximise a director to be appointed as profit for the shareholders. "salety director". There are those who main-

prosecution may seem worth possible to find someone willtaking particularly by ing to be safety director. I agree, but there should be safeguards. Where other di-

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the safety director's sugges-tions, it should be possible to prosecute the other directors and the company for manslaughter by gross negligence, tain that it would not be not the safety director.

The objection is that there would be an outcry if directors of large companies were sent to prison for the deaths of customers or employees. But nobody objects to directors being sent to prison for finan-cial offences. If company law made directors more personally responsible, so that the controlling mind could be easily identified, would it be so necessary to change the criminal law of corporate manslaughter after all?

The author is a barrister and occurive member of Consumer Safety international, a registered charity committed to reducing holiday deaths and injuries. She is also president of CO-Gas Safety, a registered charity committed to reducing deaths and injury from reducing deaths and injury from

Edward Fennell on EMU's effect

Make way for the euro

millennium melt-down? Some lawvers are fearful that the double whammy of the euro's arrival and computing's year zero will wreck their clients' internal administration. Time is running out for many organisations to put in place the legal agreements necessary to tide them through a turbulent period.

The problem is complacency. Kathryn Shimmin, a partner with the South Coast firm Blake Lapthon. admits that there are few inguiries from businesses

about preparing for the curo. "They take the view that because the UK will not be involved in the first wave, they have nothing to worry about,

However, the use of the euro among the UK's

trading partners means that businesses will be affected. Even in the high street, Ms Shimmin expects to see changes.

"People arriving at Southampton and Ports-mouth with euros will expect to be able to use them," he said. "Marks & Spencer is introducing tills to deal with the euro and other retailers will be under pressure to do the same." Meanwhile, David Halli-

day of Eversheds is beginning to see curiosity stirring among his clients. As a banking partner based in London, he is fully involved in the development of the euro and thinks that the CBl is doing a good job in briefing business.

"A number of our clients have attended Confederation of British Industry events and are now coming to see us to discuss the legal

technicalities. Business will

find itself carried along by commercial pressures and start doing business in

Mr Halliday, pointing to his own firm, admits that like most British industry with overseas clients, it has been hit by the strength of the pound."I can see myself dealing in euros rather than sterling once the single currency has arrived. I also envisage that cust-omers from the Continent will want to pay in euros

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> "Although there is no indication of a shift in investments out of the UK. if we are not in the first wave, there is no question that American business is starting to take an intense commercial interest in what the developments are likely to cutail."

Steven Philippsohn, a specialist in Ford at the niche firm Philippsohn Crawfords Berwald, predicts that the transition period will give criminals a

"Unless proper safeguards are put in place, a fraudster could seek to ben-efit by exploiting the inev-itable teething problems that will be experienced by the introduction and unfamiliarity of the new currency, and by expediting crossborder payments at an earlier opportunity."

Small-firm bosses may suffer

THE offence of corporate killing will open the way for prosecutions against large corporations, but once successfully brought against the company, it is unlikely that senior executives will be personally pursued.

This is ironic, because attempts to bring convictions for corporate manslaughter have always hinged on the ability of the prosecution to identify that a serior officer of a company - its socalled "directing mind" - had acted with gross negligence. With the need to establish individual liability removed and the likelihood of successful convictions against big businesses increased, companies face the stigma of being branded corporate killers if acts of negligence for which they are held collectively responsible lead to the deaths of employees, customers, contractors or

members of the public.

But although they will suffer from the imposition of heavy fines and damage to reputation, you cannot put a company in fail and this in turn leads to an imbalance

will still remain easier to secure individual convictions against directors of small

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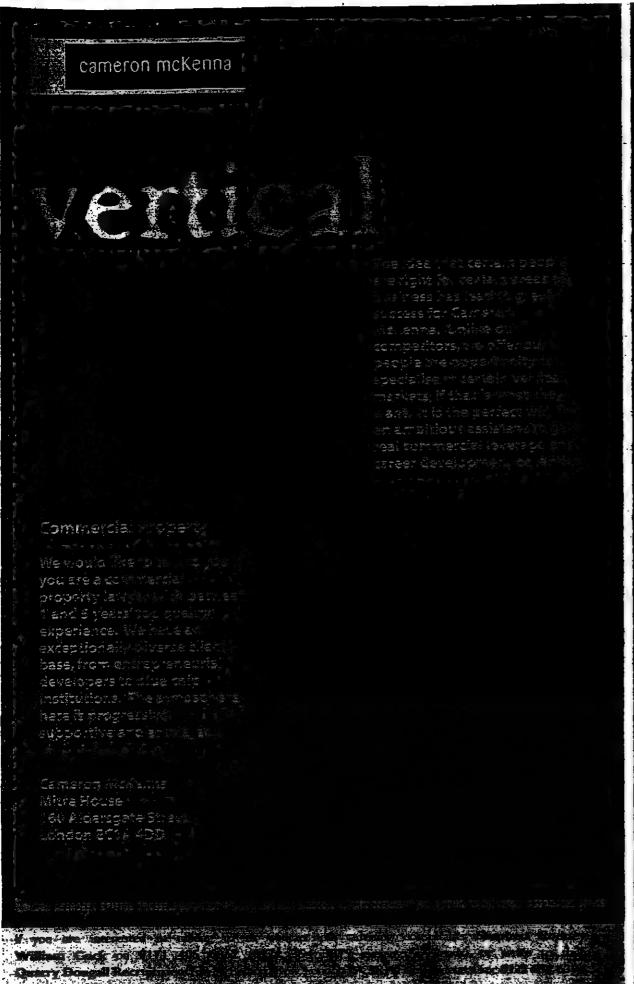
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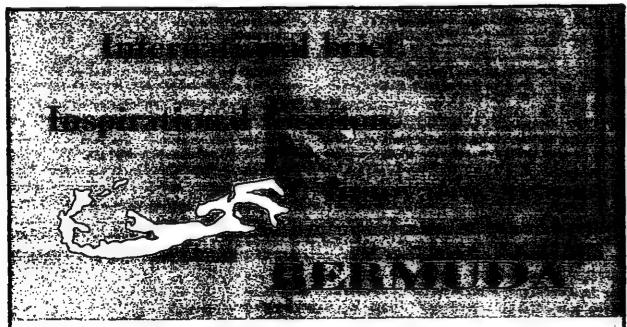
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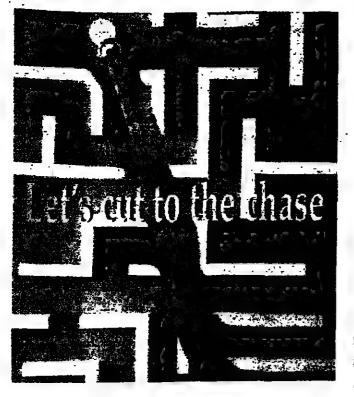
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1987. This would give us a couple of boom years still to come.

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Michael Cambus

Alan Lee meets a Borders trainer intent on plundering more Cheltenham prizes

Parker and Sparky Gayle are casting their eyes on Mr Mulligan's crown at the Cheltenham Festival next March. Photograph: Ian Stewart

investment. Green was look-

ing to get into racing and Parker bought him a foal. The

interest grew and their first

winner together was Brandy

Hambro, who is still on the

farm, living contentedly with

the yearlings. In the 12 years since then, Parker has trained

almost 100 winners for Green.

who semi-retired from busi-

ness at 40 and now owns 75

per cent of the horses in the

CRICKET

Australia

n the converted farm buildings that comprise Colin Parker's homely

yard on the Scottish borders.

Sparky Gayle has the smallest

box but much the tallest

reputation. On Saturday, he

will reappear in either the Murphy's Gold Cup at Chel-tenham or Ayr's Sean Gra-

ham Chase, defending an unbeaten record over fences

that is already feeding some

Parker admits he is tempted

by the big prize and a long list

of likely defections at Chelten-

ham, but will study the entries

closely before making a deci-

sion. But whichever engage-

ment Sparky Gayle accepts.

there will be no shortage of confidence. Parker and Ray

Green, the owner, have been

mapping out a seasonal cam-paign for the seven-year-old

and its successful execution

would see them descending on

Cheltenham next March in-

tent on stripping Mr Mulligan

"Sparky" is no stranger to the Festival. Two seasons ago, he was fifth in the Coral Cup

Hurdle and last March he was

an impressive winner of the Cathcart Chase, Parker, who

had told anyone who asked

that his horse would win, did

not linger to celebrate. "I didn't even have a drink," he

recalls. "I had to drive the

horsebox home that evening."

This reveals plenty about the workings of Douglas Hall

Farm, which is as far removed from the factory-feel training

centres as is possible to imag-

ine. It is a family operation, conducted by Colin, his wife

Janet, and their two jockey sons, Andrew and Dave.

There is nothing there they

have not built themselves and

nothing about the horses they

The trainer himself is a

quiet, assessing Cumbrian. Parker, 52, sums himself up

thus: "I don't say much but I

do a lot. I suppose I'm a bit of a

worksholic." A tour of his land

verifies this view and explains

1.50 Single Sourcing

2.20 Super Tactics

do not know.

why his horses are extremely fit and strikingly laid-back. Parker, who had ridden

professionally but unspectacu-

larly on the northern circuit,

spent seven years as head lad

to Gordon Richards at Penrith

before, in 1979, moving a

dozen miles across the border

"looking for a quieter life". He rented the farmhouse in which

he still lives, a mile up a

potholed track to nowhere,

and for four years devoted his

3.20 SANNARTINO (nep)

3,50 Running De Cerisy

going: good to firm (chase course); good (hurdles) :----- sis

180-511 GREEN CREEN DESERT 12 (D.F.S.) (D Maron) D Sharmout 6-11-10 __ J Outcome MI 4-SP123 FAUSTRIO 15 (SF.F) (Ribook '4') P Hobbs 5-11-5 ______ R Danmoody 95

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GREEN GREEN DESERT never impires maximum confidence but is hard to appear

1990: COUNTRY STAR 5-10-8 J Gaberro (2-1) G Breaks 3 am

When king 15! 3rd to Jamaican Flight in 2m Towcaster covides hardle (good), whom Devil 45:1 3rd to Scholarist in 2m Haydrock novice hardle (good to firm). Shape Sourchay best flowin Jamin 20:1 flight to Country Uttowster marken hardle (good to firm). Shape Sourchay best flowin Jamin 20:10. Charchtown Port publed up in 2m 11 Labcaster hardlesse chase (good to soft). Fraction Fortains 13! 5th to Maid For Adverture in 25th Stational novice hardlesse hardle (good) with Dearth (2th better of) 45! 12h. Maeterlinch 68! 11th to Down The Yard in 2m Stational indies hardlesp hardle (good). Dearth 25: 3rd to Mitche forn in 2m Luddow novice hardlesse hardles (films).

SINGLE SOURCING is a tentative selection in a tricky race

1890: STRONG MEDICINE 9-10-4 C (TDwyw (11-4)) K (Miler 5 mm

Stately Home 43l 8th to Stroll Home in 29lm Galleny handless chase (good to sold) with Strong Medicine (3th better off) public on Super Tactics 94l 3rd to Celtode in 2m Herroten handless chase (2m., good); previously 11ll 2nd to Bertone in 21lm Ascot handlesp chase (good to fine).

SUPER TACTICS can make the most of the weight concession from Statuty Home

COURSE SPECIALISTS

JOCKEYS

36.4 J Ceborn 25.8 R Dunwoody 21 A Legite 18.8 W Marston 17.0 C Hewelly 15.6 M A Fazgurald

2.20 WILTSHIRE HANDICAP CHASE (E7,430: 2m 4l) (3 numbers)

1.20 PENWOOD HOWICES CHASE (E4.184: 2m 10 (2 numers)

1.50 SEVEN BARROWS HOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

energies to breaking-in young

"I was always intending to train but we couldn't afford it

at first. This place also needed

a lot of hard graft. Most of it

was derelict and we created

the boxes out of old cow sheds

and a cottage that Janet and I

His big break was a chance

introduction to Raymond An-

derson Green, then a force in

City banking and property

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2.50 HTTP://WWW.RACEMEN.COM/MEMBURY HANDICAP HURBLE

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RUNGING DE CERSY is best of those with expensions

☐ Singspiel, forced into retirement by a fractured cannon-bone while preparing for the Breeders' Cop Turf, will stand as a stallion at Dalham Hall Stud next year. His fee will be £25,000.

knocked down ourselves."

(£4,818: 3m 110yd) (6 runners)

3.20 NEWBURY AUTUMN HURDLE (£4,822: 2m 110yd) (4 numers)

BETTHIR: 4-8 Speciation, 3-1 Schoon, 4-1 Why Hard, 29-T Els Agapt Miles

3.50 CRUX EASTON JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE

(3-Y-0: £3,496: 2m 110yd) (8 numers)

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1.00 (3m 110yd hdfs) 1. Arctic Fax (P Naent, 15-8 fay); 2. Gate Ahead (4-1); 3. Cettic Dutes (5-2), 5 ran, 31, 221, Mrs M Reveley Tote: £2-30; £1 10, £2.50, DF; £3.10. CSF-£9 15.

1.30 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Lifebuoy (P Carberry, evens lav); 2, Eternal City (5-4); 3, Newton Mist (11-1), 5 ran, 1%l, dist. J Turner, Tota, £2.00; £1.10, £1.40, DF; £1.30, CSF £2.40.

2.00 (2m 4f 110/d hdfe) 1, Miles Stain (W Dowling, 5-1); 2, Raming Stains (11-8 tan); 3, Leap in The Dash (9-4), 6 ran, 71, 2% L Lungo Toter £8.90; £2.20, £1.40, DF: £8.90, CSF: £10.90

Carlisle

2.30 (3m ch): 1, Lord Of The West (P Carbony, 2-9 fav); 2, Pennine Price (100-30), 2 mn. Dist. J.J.O'Neil Tote; C1 40. (100.50), 2 min. Dist. J.J. Cream Town; 12 vi. S., 200. (Sim 110) of hole; 1, Acadou III (P. Curberry, 4-5 fae); 2, Balandoo (Evens.), 2 min. Nit. Windows (Simonson John 12), 20 (2m 4) 110 of ch. 1, Comson John (J. Supple. 7-2); 2, Tighter Budget (8-11 fee); 3, Bold Account (11-4), 3 min. 25, 23, L. Lungo, Tota: 53,00. DF: \$1,70, CSF: 525.

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RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

4.00 (2m 11 fad) 1, Kings Massure (E. Calsonan, 4-6 tay); 2, Chikin Tiger (5-11: 2, Hollow Paim 19-1); 10 ran 1 ki, dist. J. Jefferson, Toter (1-80; CT.10, 21-20, ET.80: DF: 24.50. The: £18.90. CSF: £3.77. Placepot £34.80. Quadpot £15.70.

Fontwell Park Golng: good to soft Gaing: good to see 12.40 (2m.2) 110yd hdie) 1, Mesa Vesde (J Osbornis, 5-4 km); 2, Tonka (3-1); 3, hts Walkoa (10-1), 9 nan. 4, 12, K Belley, Toke e2.30; 12.0, £1.20, £2.90. DF: £2.20. Trio. 65.40. CSF: £4.97

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1.10 (2m 21 1) by chole; 1. Marmony's Maris: (8 Fenton, 20-1); 2, Antique's Treasure (16-1); 3, Neveroid (5-1). King Curan 5-2 iav. 9 ran. MR: The Emburter. 4, 3t M Marigneids. Total: £20.90; £4.20, £1.20, £1.20. CSF: £234.60 Tricest C1.50.03 Tric. £118.80 CSF: £234.60 Tricest C1.50.03 Local (5-1); 1.40 (2m 3 ch) 1. Marisia (P Hitle, 9-0); 2, Lotal Buck (3-1); 3, Tight Flat (5-1); Thursday Night (1) 2-1 iav. 6 ran. Det. 28 J

Galtord. Tone: £2:20; £1:40, £2:60. DF
ET 10 CSF; £3:75.
2:10 (2m 2f 118);d ch) 1. Flatted Oute (T.1 Musphy, 10:11 faz, Richard Beam's map);
2. Marrany's Choice (7-2); 3f; Cwoton (6-1);
3f; Furchason Gale (5-1); 6 ran. 13, 14. P
Nachols. Tone: £1:50; £1:50, £1:50. DF;
2:70. CSF: £4:49.
2:40 (2m 6f 110);d hitle) 1. Genry's Pride (A Maguire, 4-1, Time/tespor's top refire); 2. (2 Lord Rooths (3-1 fay.), 3. Mysich Hit (5-1); 7 ran. 4, 10, J Mullin, Totre £4:40; £2:30.
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3.40 (2m z) 110/m hdle) 1, Gunet Alliance
(A P McCoy, 4-1): 2. Caltero (nivere las); 3,
Normane 5-11, 9 ran. 18, 2, G (, Moore,
Toter 23 50; 51.50, 51.10, 51.30, DF: £4.00,
htt. £4 10. CSF: £7.56.
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Canadpot: £3.90.

Lingfield Park Boing standard 12.20 (5); 1, Shegardi (G Fauliner, 7-2); 2. Vista Alegre 20-1); 3, Sade (5-1) Mitch Passi 2-1 fav 8 ran. Hd, 22. D Lotter, Tote Ca 10: 21.10, 214.10, £1.10 DF: 138.40. CSF: 281.28.

220 (7) 1, Magambigue (1 Pirench, 4-11 lav); 2 Destree (9-2); 3, Misconduct (10-1). 6 sen MR Siver Marbin, 11, 51, Mrs J Cacli. Tone: \$1.20; \$1, 10, \$2.00. DF: \$2.50. CSF-\$2.45 12.45
2.50 (im 2) 1, Rehanb (R Firench, 5-1), 2, Welcome Hegins (B-1); 3, Marci Moun (20-1). Be True, Scienter Charter 9-2 j-fex, 14 rain 1141, 1141 Mass B Senders, Total 64.90; 61.50, 51.60, 55.20 DF 620.90, Trie, 1140.90 CSF, 25.54 2.50 (tm) 1, Prazierant (W Pyen, 12-1); 2, Two Credits (3-1 fe/); 2, Shortaine (3-2); 11 san, 193, 524 C Dentein Toller (3-20; 13.00; pr. 30; 1:50 DF: 222 30; 10:56-36; CSF: [26:26, Tercest 1723.52] THUNDERE

"I always said I would never

have an owner with more than

three, because the risk in

losing him would be too high,"

Parker said. "This seems dif-

ferent. Ray is more than an

owner, he is a good friend and

very much part of our team.

He has such a quick mind and

devotes a lot of time to the race

Four years ago, it was Green who bought the adjoin-

ing farmland that allowed

planning."

Parker to augment his facili-

ties with one of the finest all-

weather gallops in the country
— a half-mile circuit, linked by

a two-furlong straight to a steep, five-furlong climb. The

woodchips were laid to a depth

of ten inches and the work was

largely done by Parker and his

The stable star, however,

does not give much indication of his talent on the morning

gallops. Son Andrew, 28, who

1.10 Galloping Guns, 1.40 Sendy Floss, 2.10 Ocean Leader, 2.40 Diamond Hell, 3.10 Cheryl's Lad, 3.40 Trouveille, 4.10 Transico. Timekeeper's top rating: 3,00 (y'ARBLAY STREET.

LUDLOW

BOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)

1.10 RICHARDS CASTLE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,800: 2m) (7 runners) 1 1644 CARLAN CAPPE 7 (D.F.S.S) T Weeton 5-17-18 ... 17 Thorston 2 04- ALDINETTON CHAPPLE 481 (D.F.O) T Wait 9-12-3 W Waish (S) 3 080- GULF DF SIAN 41F (B) E Weeton 4-11-0 ... C Weeto 4 2130 GALDEPING GUDS 7 (D.F.B Linestyn 5-10-10 ... X Aspail 5 4845 LITTLE HOOLIGAN 20 (V.F.B Knight 6-10-10 ... L. Aspail

11-4 Califo Caper, 3-1 Cohay Franza, 7-2 Ulife Hooligan, 4-1 Bullegray Suns, 10-1 Akkagon Chaysia. 12-1 Bull Ol Sun, 25-1 Capier Chrone

1.40 MOORE SCOTT MAIDEN HURDLE

2,10 MOORE SCOTT HANDICAP CHASE 1 PP1- OCEAN LEADER 225 (D.F.S.) Nov. () Home 10-11-10 JF Tolog 2 225 BAYERO 6 (D.F.G.S.) J D'Ston 6-11-6 T J Murphy 3 8131 PERSONN WEW 25 (F.G.S.) K Balley 7-11-6 Mr R Whitely (5)

6-4 Tectors Town, 7-2 Sandy Piess, 5-1 Province, 6-1 Temper, 12-1 Mr Bojang'e Playing The Fool. 20-1 Maph Bill, Woodlands Energy

Sentmentino best financi neck in 2m Kurupita burdie (good), previously test Cauchert 1/4/1 in 29/m Alescez gradii il canker turdie (good). Ela Agusti Mou 28/1 ith in Alover the Cut in 2m Towcester handicup hurdie (good). Solyinn best Miss Criste 24/4 or 2m Checkerow Yurdie (good) with the Alover the Cut in 2m Checkerom gradii i novice hurdie (good to firm); previously shi but 2nd to My Checky Miss in 21/4/m Martot Rasen novice hurdie (good). 6-4 Parson View, 7-4 Bayerd, 9-4 Ocean Limber 2.40~ERF NATIONAL HUNT MOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,416: 2m) (8) 1 P2-1 BEDWING ROCK 13 (D.2) Mer H Wagin S-11-5 ___ J Culiny
2 S1-1 DIAMOND HALL 19 (D.2) Mer H Wagin S-11-5 ___ J Culiny
3 G9 EMEER WANT 257 (6) M J Prox 5-11-4 ___ J A McCorley
4 G90- MEMS 278 (7) M Prox 5-11-1 ___ G Supple S-10-1 ___ G S-10-1

3.10 BATES & HUNT GROUP HOVICES CHASE

I-9 Cheryl's Last, 5-2 Rossey Island, 18-1 Gutterdge.

3.40 MOORE SCOTT HOVICES HANDICAP CHAIR (£2,814; 2m) (6) 16-11 France, 9-2 Temporalite, Fullew De Call., 5-1 Temporalite, 20-1 Standon, 33-1 Hugh Christian

4.10 SHODDON INTERMEDIATE CLAIMING HATIONAL HUNT PLAT RACE (\$1,140: 20) (10)

DRAL HUBT FLAT RACE (X1,140. cm, 1.0)

2 TRANELCO 895 bies 5 Witon 6-11-13 X Atzono (5)

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MEMORYS RLESS 5 retained 5-11-1 G R Thornton (3)

SHARP EMBRACE K Correton 4-10-13 L Aspell (3)

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B PLISHING SPRIT ? Miss C Johnsey 5-18-0 ... E Husband (3)
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COURSE SPECIALISTS HIRE DIFF. Trainvers: Marc D Haarm. 3 moments from 3 moments. 100%; K Banley, 21 from 80, 26.3%; D Michaltson. 20 from 78, 26.5%; M Pipe, 23 from 89, 25.8%; C Marcs. 3 from 15, 2007. A Carrell, 4 from 24, 16.7%, Marc H Knight. 12 from 77, 15.6% Accesses: 5 Cadday, 5 matters from 12 rates, 25.0%; J F Thiey, 7 from 25, 24.1%; B Fersion, 3 from 20, 75.0%; J R Ramonds, 5 from 65, 12.1%. N Johnson, 5 from 49, 10.2%. SEDESPED: Testones. J Playmold 15 atomers from 53 namers. 28 35; Mrs. M. Reddey, 70 Aron 256, 27.5%, P. Hoslam, 3 from 11, 27.3%; T Exceedy, 5 from 20, 25.0%; P Beamond, 17 from 67, 19.5%, Jackeyer, P News, 25 summers from 188 rides, 30.3%, C McConnack, 8 from 20, 27.5%, 6 fee, 12 from 57, 21 1%, P Cartanay, 6 from 38, 16.7%; J Supple, 12 from 78, 16.0%.

rides out Sparky Gayle every day, said: "A selling plater could beat him at home." His father agrees. "He shows us nothing here, he is so relaxed. It wasn't always this way - he buried me once as a four-year-The Parkers always suspect-

ed they had something special, from the time Sparky Gayle bought for 20,000 guineas at the 1993 Derby Sale at Fairyhouse - travelled back to Ireland to win a bumper at Downpatrick, sponsored by his owner.

Six wins last season established him in many minds as a horse to follow. Now, inevitably, sights must be raised. is likely to be aimed at the

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: HOUSE CAPTAIN (2.50 Newbury)

House Captain showed impro at Ayr in April and is fancied to continue where he left off, His defe of Sharefunger and Tullymurry Toff

(3.40 Ludlow)

Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury later this month, then pick his path through the major staying handicaps on his way back to the Cheltenham Festival. The prospect pleases Parker but does not worry him. "I don't fret about anything. I'm an easy-going fellow who just likes to get on with his job."

Come March, nothing will change. Parker, indeed, will probably follow his usual routine, leave the racecourse without so much as a glass of champagne and drive the horsebox back to Scotland. Only then, as he gazed from his kitchen window across the unblemished view towards the Solway Firth, might he allow himself to crack a smile and a

SEDGEFIELD

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

1.00 JOHN WADE HAULAGE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (61,884: 3m 3t 110yd) (9 runners)

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Parker sparks ambitions of Gold Cup glory made to graft for advantage

MARK TAYLOR, the Australia captain, set New Zealand a victory target of 319 after his batsmen toiled for runs on the fourth day of the first Test in Brisbane yesterday. Bryan Young and Blair Pocock, the New Zealand opening pair. then survived a nervous three overs to reach four for no

> wicket at the close. Accurate bowling by New Zealand delayed Taylor's declaration until 20 minutes before close of play. Before tea, the scoring rate was only a fraction more than two runs an over as Greg Blewert amassed a patient 91.

Only late on, when Ricky Ponting and Paul Reiffel stepped up the tempo, did the batsmen gain the upper hand on a placid wicket. When Taylor called a halt at 294 for six. Ponting was unbeaten on 73 off 84 balls, after hitting two sixes and seven fours against a tiring attack. The Tasmanian was visibly frustrated at being denied the opportunity to record his second century.

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TENNIS: National championships (at 700ccts)

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Aitken pays price for Aberdeen's early predicament

ROY AITKEN, dismissed by Aberdeen yesterday, said that his time as manager at Pittodrie had witnessed "more ups than downs". It was the prospect of the club being relegated, though, that ensured his departure, the team lie second from bottom with

two wins from 12 games.

The former Celtic and Scotland captain became the first managerial casualty of the Bell's Scottish League premier division season after the 5-0 defeat at Dundee United on Sunday that exposed the club's failings to a television audience and left the Aberdeen directors with little alter-

They have promised to "spread the net far and wide" in the search for a successor, and yesterday appointed the club's director of football, Keith Burkinshaw, the former manager of Tottenham Hotspur, to run affairs in the interim. Tommy Craig, the first-team coach, was also

Aitken's demise ended a

season when the club flirted with relegation. A summer spending spree that saw the return of Jim Leighton from Hibernian and the arrival of Gary Smith from Rennes. Eoin Jess from Coventry City and Brian O'Neil from Celtic, appeared to have given Aberdeen the basis of a solid

Aitken conspicuously failed to knit his new recruits together, however, and an appearance in the Coca-Cola Cup semi-final, where they lost to Dundee United, was no sop for increasingly agitated supporters as they struggled near the foot of the premier division. A 4-1 home defeat by Hearts renewed calls for change and the humiliation on Sunday signalled the inevita-

ble end of Aitken's reign. It is the first failure in the game for Aitken, who led Aberdeen to victory in the Coca-Cola Cup final against Dundee in his first full season

Nicholson faces long ban for positive test

SHANE NICHOLSON, the West Bromwich Albion defender, faces the prospect of an extended ban after failing a drugs test for amphetamine (Matt Dickinson writes). The former Lincoln City and Derby County player, 27, was tested positive by the Football Association's doping control unit at Albion's training eround on October 13.

Nicholson, the first player to fail a drugs test this season, was immediately suspended by the Nationwide League first division club, pending an FA disciplinary hearing. He has 14 days to respond to the misconduct charge, but the fact that he is now in his twelfth season and connot claim youthful folly is likely to count against him.

The FA is particularly concerned at positive tests for amphetamine because the drug has been proven to durance. Jamie Hughes, the three-year deal.

was banned for six months for amphetamine use in

Hughes was one of 12 positive tests out of 272 in the 1994-95 season. The following season another 272 tests brought seven positive results two positive samples from 500 tests. A similar number of tests will be carried out this

While there is concern at Lancaster Gate about the problem, the FA believes its programme is succeeding. There was a realistic fear when we doubled the number of tests that we'd also double the number of test failures Steve Double, of the FA, said. To our relief that hasn't proved to be the case."

☐ Wayne Allison has joined Huddersfield Town from Swindon Town for £800,000. i de sitiket.

career when he won 57 Scot-land caps. Signed for Celtic by Jock Stein, he won six championships, five Scottish Cups and one Scottish League Cup.

That all counted for nothing when Stewart Milne, the Aberdeen vice-chairman. called a board meeting after the defeat on Sunday. "With almost a third of the season gone, we have enjoyed only wo league wins and achieved only nine points out of a possible 36," Milne said.

"Aberdeen are an ambitious club and we must ensure we are significantly more successful over the course of the remaining 24 games. The club's present position is untenable from everyone's point of view and is seriously detrimental to Aberdeen's future

Aitken's contract, the club will have to pay compensation, while finance will also be needed to have a successor. Tommy Burns, a coach at Newcastle under Kenny Dalglish after his departure from Celtic, heads the list of potential replacements while Alex McLeish, the manager of Motherwell and a former Aberdeen stalwart, was another name put forward yesterday.

Milne is not short of reources and, having given Aitken £2 million to spend during the summer, the building magnate is certain to provide the new manager with financial support. Given the money spent dur-

ing the summer to such little effect, Aitken, 38, could hardly complain at his treatment and he was not bitter about his dismissal yesterday. "I have enjoyed my five years here as a player and a manager. There wasn't a day when I didn't look forward to coming into work. I have every confidence in my own ability. From a managerial point of view, Aberdeen was a great base to gain experience."

Aitken succeeded Willie Miller in February 1995, with the team bottom of the premier division, and guided them. to safety. with a 6-2 aggregate play-off victory over Dunfermline. The prospect of yesterday cost him his job.



Evans studies case for defence

his efforts to sign a dominating centre half. The Liverpool manager wants to strengthen his defence within the next month, and he has singled out two prospective targets.

Evans was in Barcelona last week so watch Olexandr Golovko play for Dynamo Klev in the European Cup Champions' League. It is the second time within a month that Evans has watched the 25year-old, and he again turned in an impressive display.

Kiev cruised to a spectacu lar 4-0 victory, and the Ukraine international played a significant role in subdition a Barcelona attack that had scored three goals at Real Madrid three days earlier. The Liverpool manager has

from Kiev, who are favourites to qualify from their group for the quarter-finals. They do, however, have strength in depth in defence and, once uticazion is assured in By DAVID MADDOCK

part with the player for £3. If the Ukrainians refuse,

Evans will switch his attentions to Erik Hoftun, 28, the Norway international. The manager has watched him already and last Wednesday, Doug Livermore, his assistant, was in Porto to witness visit of Rosenborg. Hoftun's club, in the Champions' League.
The 1-1 draw gives

Rosenborg an opportunity of qualifying from their group. Hoftun, however, would be available in December, when the season in Norway closes down for the winter break. His price would be in the region of £1.2million.

The FA will write to Americal after complaints of coin throwing by supporters during the visit of Manchester United on Sunday. An FA spokesman induiry is likely. We have December, may be tempted to received the march observers for the game to councillors one's position is safe."

report and it mentions coin throwing. We understand an individual has been arrested before deciding on a course of

action." There is unlikely to be further action beyond a warning, with the FA offering sympathy to Arsenal given that it was an isolated incident, and that one of the coins thrown, which struck Nigel Winterburn, appeared to come from Manchester United supporters. Another coin hit Peter Schmeichel.

Howard Wilkinson will have the next 48 hours to decide if he is to accept an offer from Sheffield Wednesday to take over their vacant managerial position.

Wilkinson has been keen to get back into management since joining the FA as technical director six months ago. But he presented his blueprint has assured me that.

FOR THE RECORD

tion, which has added a finther complication to his deliberations.

Speaking yesterday, Wilkin-son said: "I am totally committed to the charter for quality." He has, however, been frustrated at the painfully slow. working of machinery within the FA, and has hankered after a day-to-day return to the professional game.

Frank " Clark, Manchester City manager, was offered unconditional backing yesterday, after talks with Francis Lee, his chairman. Reports from Maine Road had suggested that the City board wanted to dismiss Clark's coach, Richard Money, and his fitness trainer Peter Edwards.

But the manager said: The chairman has told me to carry on because there will be no sackings, and that there will be an internal investigation. into the source of this leak. He

Watson earns **England** call-up

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BY MATT DICKINSON

STEVE WATSON will be among the England squad that begins training at Bisham Abbey today, after 2 late call-up for the match against Cameroon on Saturday. Gary Pallister's withdrawal with a trapped nerve opened the way for the Newcastle United player's first senior recognition.

No one was more surprised than Watson, 23, whose versatility has hampered as much as helped him at St James Park where he has played everywhere centre forward to full back. "I've played in plenty of positions but I've made my mind up to play a defensive role," Watson, who won 12 Rngland Under-21 caps, said. The match at Wembley will

be the start of England's preparations for the World Cup finals, Cameroon having also booked their place. Offfield plans are already advanced, including a probable training camp in La Manga, the Spanish golf resort, in the formight leading up to the tournament, for which England are likely to be based at La Baulle, near Nantes, their home during Le Tournoi in

Joining England in France vill be the United States, whose 3-6 victory over Canada in Vancouver on Sunday ensured their third successive appearance in the finals. Roy Wegerle, the former Blackburn Rovers and Covenity City striker, scored twice.

A home draw against Mexico on Sunday will be enough to see Jamaica through, but defeat could allow El Salvador to grab the last of the three Concacut places on goal dif-ference if they can beat the United States in Fortboro,

Stephen Carr, the uncapped Tottenham Hotspur defender, has been added to the Republic of Ireland squad for the World Cup play-off against Belgium in Brussels on Saturday night, after injuries to Dennis Irwin and Curtis

Helenio Herrera, the Arutinism who revolutionised the role of coaches in European club football during a cades, died on Sunday aged 81. Herrera helped to guide Inter Milan to two European from 1960-68.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Underleading honours to give your partner an entry is satisfying when it works, but embarrassing when it allows declarer to score an unexpected trick. The latter happened to me in a recent lighthearted rubber bridge game.

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going to Five Spades over East-West's Five Hearts. West led the ace and king of clubs, on which as East I discarded two diamonds. West then continued with the six of clubs (describing it later as 'non-committal'), and I ruffed. Now if declarer has another club I can get a second ruff if I can put my partner in. So I tried a low heart and South brightly inserted the jack, thus getting out for one off (many declarers would

North-South misjudged in

have played low). There were two errors in the defence. First, West should have played his lowest club when giving East his third-round ruff - he can see that no fourth-round ruff is available, so should warn East not to try

Secondly, what should I discard on the top clubs? The

four or five clubs, he could safely play his highest club on the third round, to indicate he had an entry in the higher ranking suit, i.e. hearts. But if his hearts were only nine high. he plays his lowest club to bearts.

hearts, followed by the queen

of hearts. That would have

demonstrated that my hearts

were headed by the AKQ, and

that I did not have the jack. Then if West had been looking

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☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

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By Philip Howard

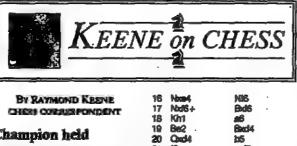
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BY RAYMOND KRENE CHERN CORNURPONDENT

Champion held

Perhaps the most notable re-sult from Garry Kasparov's simultaneous display at the Cobden Club in aid of the Fragile X charity was the following draw against a team of girl players. In his games against female opponents Kasparov has been almost universally victorious, so this was a tremendous feat on the part of the British girls squad. As to the game, Kasparov appeared to gain a huge edge from the opening, and after launching a heavy kingside attack he won rook for bishop on move 28. Thereafter, though, the girls team defended stoutly and made maximum use of their prospects in

the endgame. After 50 moves Kasparov was unable to progress and a draw was White: Gary Kasparov; Black: Melani Buckley, Rosseline Kiernan. Claire Thrower,

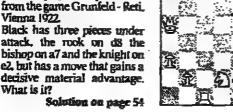
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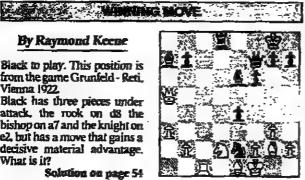
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abcdefg-h Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Salurday.

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Grunfeld - Reti. Black has three pieces under





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BASKETBALL NATIONAL ASSICCIATION (MBA): Session 112 Philodolphie 105: Secramento 86 New York 78; Vancouver 104 Detect 96 (OT): LA Lakers 122 Golden State 97. Manchester 96, Berwicham 91 Wor 86. Thanne Valley 100 Shelfield 66

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Colts take over the mantle of unlucky losers

THE big winners kept on going in the National Football League (NFL) on Sunday. The Green Bay Packers eased past the St Louis Rams, the New England Patriots hammered the Buffalo Bills and the Denver Broncos routed the Carolina Panthers. It is about this time of year, though, that attention starts to focus on the unluckiest of the losers, too.

Last season, it was the New York Jets that everyone was talking about. Early in Nov-ember, their troubles were stacking up. They had an expensive quarterback, Neil O'Donnell, who was on the long-term injury list with a dislocated shoulder, players at each other's throats and a coach, Rich Kotite, who had grown so eccentric that he insisted on onlookers standing to attention during the Jets' training routines.

In Manhattan last winter they were selling T-shirts in-sinuating that "Jets" stood for

"Just expect to sob", so it is a sure sign that the mantle has been passed that they are now playing the acronym game in Indianapolis where the Colts have lost their first ten games of the season. "Count on losing this Sunday", the shirts read

It is only two years ago that the Colts, marshalled by Jim Harbaugh, their excellent quarterback, came within one Hail Mary pass of appearing in the Super Bowl, but since then they have experienced a dizzying descent and, by Sunday, they were the only team in the NFL not to have won a game this season.

They were on home ground in the RCA Dome for their tenth defeat, beaten 28-13 by the modest Cincinanti Bengals. To compound their humiliation, the Bengals were led by the 36-year-old quarterback,

NFL DETAILS

being drafted in for Jeff Blake, the injured starter. It is the Colts' worst start for Mark Souster meets

a new cap who

thought he was

out of running

for Twickenham

A sleeping off the effects of the double celebration

of Sale's record defeat of

Bristol and his subsequent

selection for England, which

he learned of directly from

Clive Woodward on Sunday

evening. Callers offering their congratulations were politely but firmly asked to ring back

Once he had emerged from beneath the duvet and picked

his way past the dirty takeaway curry dishes litter-ing the floor of the flat he

shares in Manchester with

three friends, among them Matt Moore, his club col-

league. Rees could barely stifle

his delight. The realisation of

what he had achieved and

what lay in store against

Australia at Twickeneham on

Saturday was beginning to

"It's just fantastic. I didn't

want to get my hopes up. I had

been pleased just to be in the

squad. I wondered if I might

be in with a shout but I thought not having played

much recently might have counted against me. Also there

are some good players in that position in England," he said.
"After Clive relephoned me it was a long night, but I only had orange juice and a couple of hears — honestly. The lads

of beers — honestly. The lads did the drinking for me.

"As for Australia it will be hard, they have some great players but I'll be ready. I just

hope I'll do myself justice."

emerging youngsters at Sale who have flourished in recent

times under the guidance of

John Mitchell, the New Zea-

lander, who has helped to

transform the Heywood Road

club and who now coaches the

England forwards.

t 10.30 yesterday

morning, David Rees was still in bed,

more than a decade and therewas a poignancy to the com-ments of Lindy Infante, their coach, after the latest setback. "We have had ten defeats now and they have all been different," he said. "They don't feel any better or any worse. It is obviously extremely depressing."

To add to the woes of the

Colts, they, like the Jets before them, have become embroiled in all manner of off-field controversies that have exacerbated their problems. Har-baugh, for instance, is sidelined because of a fracture to his right hand allegedly sustained during a "feud" with Jim Kelly, the NBC television

For solace, though, the Colts need only look back to the Jets and their improved fortunes. They went into Sunday as clear leaders of the American Football Conference eastern division and it is a measure of the improvement they have made since last year - when they only won one game out of 16 — that many observers were surprised when they slipped to a 24-17 defeat

against the Miami Dolphins. Dan Marino, Miami's veteran quarterback, who had missed training for most of the week with an ankle sprain. completed 18 of 29 passes to seal the win and earn the Dolphins a share of the lead in the division with the Jets.

With Bill Parcells at the helm, though, there is little doubt that the Jets are on an upward curve and the hawkers have gone back to the drawing board. Winning acronyms are a rarer commodity

Wing with plenty of talent for Sale

Rees, who makes his debut for England, hopes he can do himself justice

motivation is something else," Rees said. Consistently high performances last year ensured that Rees, now 23, and a Geordie by birth, was blooded on the England tour to Argentina where he appeared twice. Although one of the few not to

be capped, the experience was invaluable as has been his involvement in the England squad sessions at Bisham Abbey this season.

He returned from South America brimful of vigour, trained hard in pre-season,

- only for misfortune to strike. After three games he required a double hernia operation that kept him out of action for seven weeks. "I had torn a stomach muscle and worked on his pace and agiihad the operation immediately

RUGBY LEAGUE

ity, pumped weights — at 5ft 9in, he weighs almost 14 stone

after the European conference game against Montferrand. It caused pain in the groin and I couldn't do any sprint training. The operation went well and I'm fine now."

Wasps felt the backlash nine days ago when Rees scored two tries, the second amply demonstrating his power and pace as he burst through three would-be tacklers, among them Lawrence Dallaglio. His timing was immaculate, his return to rude health confirmed by a further hat-trick of tries against Bristol.

Rees had been high on the list of candidates to fill the right wing berth given John Bentley's falling-out at Newcastle. Woodward had pencilled in the player's name several weeks ago when he

'I only had an orange juice and a couple of beers, honestly

watched Sale play Saracens. An exciting runner and fear-less tackler, Rees began life at centre at the Royal Grammar School. Newcastle, but switched to wing - where he was capped at under-21 and A team level - two years ago during Northumberland's run to the county final. A talented all-round sportsman, he has also played football for Newcastle Boys; and was a Northumberland schools sprint champion, as well as a county tennis player.

A degree course in graphic design and advertising took him to Manchester and the attention of Sale. He is in his final year at Manchester Metropolitan University who have been more than helpful in accommodating the demands of his rugby career. In his yet-to-be-completed dissertation he is comparing the projection and treatment of sport on television, a medium on which he should enjoy a heightened profile in the coming weeks.

SPORT

Illness taus cto stop Martin

Martin, Australia's world No 2, overcame sickness to beat Sue Wright, of England, after five tough games in the final of the Philadelphia open championships in Pennsylvania. Martin, 30, from Sydney, had removed the defending champion, Cassie Jackman, in the previous round but had to dig deep beat the 27-year-old world No 4 from Kent 49, 9-4.

Wright was still tired from her hard-fought fivegame semi-final against Sabine Schoene, of Germany. who had caused the upset of the tournament by beating Australia's world champion, Sarah Fitz-Gerald in the last eight.

Colf: Darren Clarke, of Northern Ireland, has been confirmed as a starter in the Australian Open at the Metropolitan club in Melbourne from November 27 to 30. Clarke, who finished fourth on this year's European Tour money-list, tied for second place with Sweden's Jesper Parnevik behind Justin Leonard in the Open championship at Royal Troon. That was among nine top-ten finishes this season.

Rugby salon: Sebastien Viars, who broke his collarbone in Brive's win over the English champions, Wasps, on Sunday, needs an operation and will miss the Toulouse on December 21.

Cricket: Sachin Tendulkar was retained as India captain for the home series against Sri Lanka, the Indian cricket board announced yesterday. Jayant Lele, secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, said the five-member selection committee took "just ten minutes" to "unanimously" opt for Tendulkar.

E Chess: Chess could become an Olympic sport in the next century, international the federation (FIDE) president, Kirsan Illumzhinov, said in Tunis

SAILING: SWEDISH MATCH DOMINATING RACE TO MEET FAVOURABLE WINDS Krantz extends early advantage

Whitbread Round the World In the next day or so, Krantz Race, the "rich get richer" syndrome was much in evishould come under the infludence as the leaders steadily ence of a low-pressure system. before any of his rivals and enhanced their position with every mile they sailed further mar off in a northwest wind at south. In the second leg, from Cape Town to Fremantle, it is up to 40 knots. He should thus capitalise on his early a similar story, with the runaway early leader, Swedgood fortune, though he was cautious about predicting this ish Match, continuing to benefit from being farthest south.

from the west around the tip of

South Africa and has slowed

their progress into the Roar-

ing Forties, leaving the powerful Whitbread 60s slopping

Yet for most of the time

Gunnar Krantz, on Swedish

Match, who cut loose shortly

after the start on Saturday.

has had the best of it, making

eight knots when most of the others could only manage four

and remaining among the best

performers when the wind

Yesterday his lead over Paul

Cayard, in second place on EF Language, had extended to 100 miles, though there were

only 32 miles between Cayard

and Paul Standbridge, on

lead over the defending cham-pions, England, in the Euro-

pean indoor team champion-

ship in Jersey yesterday to six points, after five rounds in-

volving the men's and wom-

en's pairs and triples disciplines. Ireland have 18

points followed by England on

The Irish began the day

with wins from the women's pairs and triples against Israel. Muriel Wilkinson and

Margaret Johnston finished

25-12 ahead, and Isabel Bell.

Dessa Baird and Phillis Nolan

counted on five of the closing

six ends to snatch a 12-11

treland also claimed a full

complement of points from the

men's games in round five.

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BOWLS

Ireland earn slice

of good fortune

By GORDON DUNWOODLE

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the game.

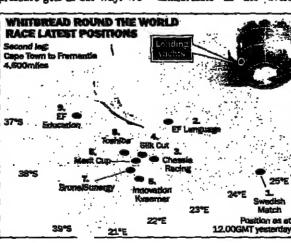
became very light.

Toshiba, in eighth.

around with sails flapping.

Yesterday all the nine crews Krantz said. "I mean the race to get south before the high pressure gets in our way. We were trying to tease their boats along as the fleet became engulfed under a high-pressure ridge that has swept in

are just on the edge of the centre, with light winds and variable direction. Our goal is to be sailing in 15 knots southwesterly within 12 hours. Then we will know if our theories are right. We painfully experience the difference between theory and reality from time to time, so we will never be sure until it is over." As the fleet stands at the moment, Cayard is looking comfortable in the overall



cannot be said of Standbridge who inherited a poor sixth place in leg one from Toshiba's outgoing skipper. Chris Dickson. Although Standbridge has repeatedly made clear that he would not try to take a flyer on this leg. he may have no choice if he

gets left behind as the boats ahead of him pick up classic Southern Ocean conditions Yesterday Standbridge re-flected on a far from ideal start to his career as a W60 skipper. "We are at 38 degrees and a bit south." he said. "So near yet so

far from the notorious Roar-

ing Forties. It is very frustrat-

favouring the other, and so we flop around."

Mark Turner, of Great Britain, on Carphone Ware-house, was last night on course for third place in the second leg of the Mini-Transat single-handed race. Turner still had 440 miles to sail yesterday and is expected to reach the finish at Fort de France, Martinique, tomor-row. Thomas Coville leads from his fellow Frenchman, Pierre-Marie Bourguinat, Ellen MacArthur, of Britain, on

Financial Dynamics, was ly-

THE WINNERS of the Super League next season will be determined by an Australian-style play-off system for the

top five clubs, with a grand final at Old Trafford replacing the usual finale of the Premiership. There are plans, too, for a

championship. This is intended to bolster the game's international profile ahead of Great Britain's participation in the World Cup in the southern hemisphere next October and November.

With no chance of a repeat of the world club championship, at least not next year. and an increase in the Super League from 12 to 14 clubs not due until 1999, the season would look threadbare without changes, which are also designed to appeal to potential sponsors after the withdrawal of Stones.

The conclusion to the league programme in August would be followed by play-offs to determine the outright winners. These are intended to add meaning and interest to the tail end of the season,

Race for title to go | Fitzpatrick into extra time

By CHRISTOPHER LEVINE

which has been occupied by The Rugby Football League (RFL) has discontinued the Silk Cut Plate competition for lower division clubs after one year, and on Friday the RFL

board will consider a recommendation by first and second short mid-season break for a three, four or five nations' division clubs to return to one division of 16 teams. Phil Lowe, the Great Britain team manager, is incensed that Gordon Tallis, the Australia forward, is available for the deciding match of the British Gas series at Elland

Road on Sunday. He wants a meeting with Phil Houston, the referee, to ensure consistency about high tackles. Tallis was placed on report for one of three potentially dangerous challenges during Brit-ain's victory at Old Trafford on Saturday, but he has been cleared to play in the decider. Eric Hughes is being linked with the coaching job at Bar-row after his dismissal by Wigan, where his successor.

John Monie, has offered oneyear deals to Robbie McCormack, the Hunter Mariners hooker, and Mark Horo, the Auckland Warriors forward.

RUGBY UNION

concern

BY DAVID HANDS

THOUGH Jonah Lomu's return to a New Zealand shirt for the first time in more than a year will be the main focus of attention when the All Blacks play Wales A in Pontypridd this evening, the tour management will be equally concerned that Sean Fitzpatrick should survive

fitness test successfully. Fitzpatrick - hooker. captain and All Black icon is not due to play at Sardis Road but he withdrew from the demolition of Llanelli last Saturday still troubled by the knee that required a cartilage operation ten weeks

It would take something out of the ordinary to remove him from the forthcoming Ireland, England (twice) and Wales, but New Zealand will take no risks with the player who has led the team

since 1992 Fitzpatrick will undergo his test this morning, in the evening Lomu will don the black jersey for the first time since August 27 last year, when he appeared in a lacklustre I8-18 draw with Griqualand West in

Kimberley. Though he subsequently visited England with the New Zealand Barbarians in November, Long was forced out of

rugby because of the kidney allment that has required such rigorous treatment. He returned in time to bein Counties to the final of the national provincial championship last month and the privilege — if that is what it is — of marking the giant wing falls to Gareth

Wales A know what to expect, "We said we were going out to set a benchmark for the tour and we have done that in our first match," Christian Cullen, who scored four tries from full back in the 81-3 defeat of Llanelli, said.

ing in thirteenth place

DANCE SPORT

CHRISTOPHER Hawkins

first time in the game on the twentieth end, but an inspired last-bowl delivery from Jonathan Ross turned the game in Ireland's favour. ruhe, Germany. The England pairing of Brett Morley and David Holt had a comfortable 33-14 win over hosts. Lee Nixon and Tim

Mallet, from Jersey. Wales beat Israel 23-14, but the result was not a true reflection of the intensity of the game. Wales and Jersey stay in contact in the overall team position on ten points, behind Ireland and England, with Guernsey on six points and

his bowl towards the jack

picking up a count of two for

In the men's triples, Eng-

land moved two ahead for the

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England couple on top of the world

and Hazel Newberry have captured the first world amateur championship title for England for nearly a decade. Hawkins, 24 and Newberry, 23, were celebrating last night after defeating the Italian couple, William Pino and andra Bucciarelli, in a close-fought contest in Karls-

More than 70 couples competed for the title, last won for England by Andrew Sinkinson and Loraine Barry, in 1988 and 1989. Last year's Massimo and Alessia Manfredini, did not take part. having turned professional. England's No 2 couple, Alan and Donna Shingler, were

Hawkins, who beat Pino at the recent international championships in London and at the United States Open in Miami, has had the title in his sights since he began dancing as a young boy.

He won the waltz in the

final with six out of seven firsts, the one Italian judge marking Pino to win, but Pino took the second dance, the tango, by five to two. With everything still at stake, the six couples went into the Viennese waltz, which Hawkins then won. Not until he had taken the foxtrot as well could he rest assured the title was his, even though Pino then snatched the quickstep. in which Hawkins usually is

Hawkins and Newberry are now the first British amateurs for many years to have won both the world championship and the Open British in the same year. Their next goal is to take the closed British title in Blackpool next week.

Eagles soar to success in cup and league

ICE HOCKEY

By Norman de Mesquita AYR Scottish Eagles had a own rink in the league this

highly-satisfactory weekend. Having battled through to the final of the Benson and Hedges Cup on Saturday, they moved into second place in the Superleague with a 5-4 win over Sheffield Steelers on The Steelers, with only one

win in their preceding five games, scored first through Mike Ware, but David St Pierre quickly equalised and Shawn Byram gave the Eagles a 2-1 advantage shortly before the first interval. A five-goal second period ended with the Eagles 5-3 ahead, then Rob Dopson stood firm in goal for them, allowing Sheffield to score only once in the final

Manchester Storm bounced back from the disappointment of their dismissal from the cup by becoming the first team to beat Cardiff Devils on their

season. After a scoreless first period, Hilton Ruggles, a former Devil, opened the scoring for the Storm and Dominic Maltais made it 2-0 midway through the second period. Cardiff drew level early in the third, but two goals in the final seven minutes gave Manchester the points.

The appointment of Chris Norton as interim coach has not brought about the hoped for improvement in Newcastle Cobras' fortunes and a 6-2 defeat by Bracknell Bees leaves them firmly rooted to the bottom of the table without a point Rick Brebant, now playing without the distraction of having to coach as well, had a goal and an assist, but the appointment of a permanent, experienced coach and perhaps some changes in playing staff are

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TENNIS

Draw puts Rusedski on red alert

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN HANOVER

GREG RUSEDSKI was handed the worst possible draw when the two roundrobin groups were established for the ATP Tour world championship here yesterday. Pitted against Pete Sampras, Patrick Rafter and Carlos Moyá, the Great Britain No I must beat two of them to progress to the semi-finals on

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it was cruel luck on Rusedski, who opens his cam-paign today against Rafter, of Australia, in a rematch of the US Open final two months ago. With Sampras the over-

Steffi Graf withdrew yesterday from the inaugural Masters of Champions, a new event for the best women players, in Frankfurt next month. Graf, absent since June after knee surgery, had intended to make her competitive comeback there.

whelming favourite to secure one of the two semi-final places from the red group, victory over Rafter is

imperative.
"This is definitely a blg match for me," Rusedski said.
"If I lose it, 111 most probably have to beat Sampras to make the semi-finals." Rusedski has failed to win in each of his five previous encounters with the world No I.

Predictably, much was made of the psychological effect of Rusedski's defeat by Rafter in New York. But the Australian, world ranked No 3 to Rusedski's No 5, made

A COUPLE of years ago, in

the bad old days, the Guard-

ian Direct national champi-

onships were a rare chance

for British tennis to feel

good about itself. The best of British tennis would assem-

e in Telford to challenge

for the limited spoils and

ensure that, for once, a

British player would win

are different. When the tour-

nament begins today, the best that Britain has to offer,

Greg Rusedski, will be in

Hanover playing against the best in the world and

while Telford can boast Tim

Henman as top seed, he has

said that this will be his last

appearance in the nationals

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_ bot wins a rook.

WORLD WATCHING TO THE

(c) This Italian word literally means "evaporated". It has been adopted and applied as a musical direction. It is used, in particular by Chopin, to indicate an indefinable but "airy" quality of playing.

(a) A sort of unctuous perspiration that copes through the pores of the skin of sheep in warm weather. Hence often called sheep-eik. A Scottish word, Also a liniment used for greasing sheep. "Because the eik and filthings of the samene [wool] is a great prejudice to the

(a) A refining process, first used in 1907 and for many years thereafter, now obsolete, A solvent (SO²) was mixed with oil, settled and separated. Aromatic hydrocarbons went into the solvent. With petrol the Aromatics were valuable for aviation fuel. With Isaap oil and inbricants they were deleterious and burned under boilers.

(c) The inberous stems of various aractous plants such as colocusid escalente. Also the root of the Tara (not Gone With The Wind). Captain Cook: "Extensive plantations consisting of the Tara or Eddy

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

This year, however, things

something.

not really have an edge," he said. "This is a different day, a different court, and it's all a question of who gets out of the right side of the bed in the morning."
Rusedski, for his part, be-

lieves he has progressed since losing to Rafter in four sets. He is also encouraged to have Tony Pickard, his coach, in his corner on this occasion. "It definitely would have helped me to have had Tony for the US Open final," he said. "He is a very bright man and his knowledge of the game is exceptional. I am looking forward to getting that match

After two days of practice, the Great Britain No I believes the hardcourt surface will favour his aggressive game. There's no question: it will be hard for the baseliners here this week." he said. However. Rusedski's observation makes his position in the red group all the more galling.

As he himself noted, the serve-and-volleyers have been thrown together, with the baseliners - Michael Chang, Jonas Bjorkman, Yevgen Kafelnikov and Sergi Bruguera — engaged in the white group. "It ithe red group is a difficult group," he said. The three grand-slam winners are in it but I favour myself in there with them." Rusedski will also have noted that Rafter has since struggled to reproduce the brilliance of his US Open triumph.

Rusedski is making his first appearance in this end-ofseason jamboree for the world's leading eight players. He arrives with his form a

Henman seeks fond farewell

BY ALIX RAMSAY

and a third consecutive title

would be a nice way to say

The event may be a joily

tional terms and Henman

has his career in mind. That

is the difference between

this and previous years — these days British players

talk about careers and not just earning a living.

Henman's nearest rival is

ranked 125 places below him

at No 143. In theory he

should win with ease but the

nationals are more like a

gala performance and he

will not want to be upstaged

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Rusedski has Rafter, Sampras and Moya in his sights in Hanover this week

notch below the standard that saw him take the start of the European indoor season by

A semi-final appearance in the Grand Slam Cup - where he was beaten by Sampras preceded victory in Basle and an unfortunate defeat, by Goran Ivanisevic, in the final at Vienna. Since then, however, the Canadian-born lefthander has not recaptured that level of performance.

Most recently, Rusedski lost

by the extras. Nick Weal.

ranked No 594, provides his

first hurdle, with Jamie Del-

gado and Martin Lee wait-

ing to stop him in his tracks

as the sounds go by. If the final goes according to the

script, Henman will face

Andrew Richardson, the

man who gave him a fright

In the women's event.

Sam Smith faces an interest-

ing challenge in the opening

round today. The British

No l, who started her tennis

life as a promising young

talent before taking time out

to go to university, takes on

the latest prospect for the

future, Hannah Collin, from

Surrey. Smith has yet to win

the title in Telford.

at Queen's in the summer.

ranked No 105, in Stockholm last week. Although that came in the semi-final, Rusedski won just two matches, against undistinguished opponents, to progress that far.

Yet he remains undeterred by the implications of that defeat - inflicted when the after-effects of a stomach virus left him short of peak fitness. Now fully rehabilitated, he is clearly optimistic that he, as Britain's first representative at these championships, will make an impression.

"My life has changed a lot in the last three months," he said. "I have gone from No 56 in the world to No 4; everyone recognises me in the street now. It is very special to be here and I see it as a good opportunity to take another step up against the top eight players in the

If the draw has been unkind, it should not be forgotten that Rusedski's achievements have already helped to make this a banner year for British.

FIRST ROUND

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mber 1997, Paris Indoor SQUASH

England away to flying start

ENGLAND'S defence of the world team squash championship began yesterday in qualifying Pool A with an unprecedented 3-0 win over Pakistan, the beaten finalists at the last championship two years ago. Pakistan - weakened by the absence of Jansher Khan, the world No l, who refused to play in Kuala Lumpur for legal reasons — had been reduced to lifth

Peter Marshall, the Nottingham double-hander who unexpectedly reached the world open semi-finals last week. has been promoted to second string for England, behind FROM COLIN MCQUILLAN two nations in each qualifying IN KUALA LUMPUR

Simon Parke, but he was rested yesterday.

Pakistan ran their strongest line-up of Zubair Jahan, Amjad Khan and Kumail Mehmood, and failed to capture a single game from Parke and the experienced Essex duo of Del Harris and Chris The open last week was the

first in 21 years not to feature a Pakistani representative in the last eight. On yesterday's performances the same situation will almost certainly occur when the quarter-finals are

played here between the first

Scotland, also playing without their strongest performer, Peter Nicol, the beaten world open finalist on Sunday, also started well in Pool D, beating Argentina 3-0. Ireland defeated Austria 2-1

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in Pool F, but Wales just failed in Pool B to overturn the third seeded Egyptians. Alex Gough, of Wales, who reached the world open semifinal, took Ahmed Barada, the world No7, to five games before retiring.

Alison French revisited

Viewers with good memories may recall a BBC documentary in 1987 about the weeking of Allson French, a victim of cerebral palsy. The condition meant (and still does) that her speech was shared meant (and still does) that her speech was slurred and that she could not walk properly. The film was intended to celebrate her triumph over disability. But French wanted disabled people in he accepted as equals, not singled out as different, and she hoped that in ten years time such programmes would no longer he made. This following programme finds her angry that the old attitudes persist. She is still bitter about heing sent to special schools instead of going through the educational mainstream. One of her former nators accuses her of having a chingon her shoulder. But her furthright of having a chip on her shoulder. But her forthrigh and uncompromising stance compels respect.

Cutting Edge: Football Wives . Channel 4, 9.00pm

It appears to be no easy thing to be married to a professional footballer. The money can be good, particularly if your hubby is Ian Walker of Spors and reputedly earning £750,000 a year. But there is always the fear that your man may be led astray by the glamorous female company which young and virile sportsmen attract. Sam Holdsworth, married to Bohon's Dean, knows all about it. In January the News of the World accused him of a "car park romp" with a made model. Walker's wife Suzi, and Ann Lee, wife of Jason, are also aware of footballers' reprinting a proper But footballers' reputations for "playing away". But Mrs Lee is more concerned to squash the idea that all football families live hundriously. The Walkers may enjoy a £300,000 pad but for Jason Lee playing in the lower division means a modest rented house.

Best Friends: Melanie and Nick: BBC2, 10.20pm

Flanders Fields.

Radio 2, 9.30pm

Ten-minute films may be good discipline for those who make them but they can leave the viewer feeling that there is more to be said. Kathleen Byron's memories of her relationship on and off screen with Michael Powell during the making of Black Narcissus is one recent subject that cried out for fully treatment. The for fuller treatment. The same can be said about

A special programme for the evening of Armistice Day is presented by Tony Robinson and Paul McGarm. Radio 2 has deservedly won plaudits for

McGami. Radio 2 has deservedly won plaudits for this type of programming, notably a special, also presented by Tony Robinson, on the 80th anniversary of the Somme. Tonight's programme marks another 80th anversary, that of the Third Battle of Ypres, or Passchendaele as it is more widely remembered. The statistics of Passchendaele are no less horritying for being familiar: four months of fighting, 500,000 casualties, six miles gained by the Allies only for the Germans to win it back the following spring. Tonight's programme includes the recollections of local people, poetry readings by McGami, music and The Last Post.

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the first film in this new series on the theme of friendship. Melanie and Nick first met ten years ago when they were 16. They fell into what he calls a very intense relationship which has endured to this day, even though she has had a child by somebody else and he has taken a gay partner. The story is unusual, and the elliptical style in which it is told only increases the fascination. But ten minutes are hardly enough.

Auntie: The Inside Story of the BBC BBC1, 10.45pm (N.L., 11.40; not Wales)

The BBC history reaches the 1960s, which for anybody who lived through it still stands out as a golden age. Shamed by ITV, which had taken 75 per cent of the television audience, and under an per cent of the television audience, and under an isomoclastic new Director General in Hugh Carleton Greene, the BBC shook off its legendary stuffiness and embarked on a decade of extraordinary boldness and innovation. The rollical of programmes, each a mould-breaker in its way, runs from Z Cars to Steptoe and Son. Till Death Us Do Part, That Was the Week That Was and Carlo Come Home It was the decade from of Death Us Do Part, That Was the week into was and Cathy Come Home. It was the decade, too, of Dr Who, The Forsyte Saga and Civilisation. All this is duly chronicled, faithfully if a shade drily, along with less creditable episodes, such as the banning of Peter Warkins's nuclear horror story, The War Game, and Harold Wilson appointing Lord Hill as BBC chairman in an attempt to clip Greene's wings.

Peter Waymark

RADIO CHOICE

Night Waves Radio 3. 10.45pm

Radio 3, 10.45pm

You never know what is going to turn up on this programme and that is one of its many strengths. Tonight the main subject is the Victoriana, I know we are supposed to admire all that entrepreneurial activity, smoking chimneys, thrusting transport services and a general sense of order amid the chaos of the outside world, but they were a pretty odd lot in other ways. Night Waves focuses on their seeming obsession with fairies, hypnosis and other supernatural juggery-pokery, all of which sat oddiy with — at least on the face of it — their modernism. The novelist Peter Carey seeks to explain, this conundrum and there is an item on the Royali Academy's new exhibition celebrating Victorian fairy painting. I kid you not.

WORLD SERVICE

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TALK RADIO

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6.00em On Air, with Andrew McGregor, Includes
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Dinnet); Debussy (Marche d'ecosaise); Alican (Le
Festin d'esope); Wertock (Capriol Suite); Mozart,
compl Humphries (Hom Concarto in D)

9.00 Morsing Collection, with Peter Hobdey, Chopin
(Three Mazuricas); Heydn (String Quartet in D);
Poussel (Symphony No 3)

10.00 Missical Encounters, with Chris Wines, Viveldi
(Voin Concerto in G); Chopin (Burcarolle in F
etarp); Szymenowski (Stabet Meter); Debussy
(Sonata for Rute, viola and harp); Castello (Sonata
No 12); Zhou Long (Two Poems Irom Tang);
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12.00 Composer of the Week: Ligeti
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Campbell, clasinet, Madeleine Mitchell, violin,
Andrew Ball, plano Krachaturian (Trio);
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(Suite The Soldler's Tale) (r)

2.00 The BBC Orcheatres, BBC Sottiah Symphony
Orchestre under Yost Talmi and Osmo Varsica,
with Robert Cohen, callo Lindudes Barlioz
(Overture Rob Roy); Belle thouen (Symphony No 5
in C minor); Blies (Cello Concerto); Braitms
(Symphony No 2 in D)

4.00 Volcas, Spottight on Barbara Bonney (r)

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5.00 in Tune, with Sean Rafferty. Simon Callow continues this week's examination of falry music. Music includes Schubert, Albriton's Oboe Concerto in D. and Martha Argentich's performence of Schumann's Kinderszenen.

Concerto in D and Martha Argentich's performance of Schumann's Kinderszenen

7.30 Performance on 3. Live from the Adrian Boult Hall in Birmingham. Chris Wines Introduces the Vanbrugh Quartet. Schubert (String Quartet in D minor, Death and the Malder) 8.10 Book of the Morth. The Stave Trade: The History of the Morth. The Stave Trade: The History of the Morth. The Stave Trade: The History of the Atlantic Stave Trade 1440-1870 by Hugh Thomas. Between 1492 and 1870 around ten million black staves were transported from Africa. In his wide-ranging survey, the historian Hugh Thomas attempts a comprehensive account of the trade and its motivation 8.30 Ian Wilson (String Quartet No 3, Beyond the Far Country); Haydin (String Quartet in G minor, Rider)

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2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre: Curds and

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set in the 1930s, dramatised by Peter Ling (2/4) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4. http://duced.by Ltz Carney
8.00 Science Now, with Peter Evers (r)
8.36 Grandmothers' Footsteps The second of two
programmes following Muldi Jain Campion as she
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children's two grandmothers. One is from a rural
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Deople who feel they don't cut a dash on the soccer pitch or the athletics field (and if you're still wearing trainers which play the Postman Pat time as you run, this means YOU) often resort to more sedentary games, such as playing chess against a chess computer. Naturally, they get even more depressed when they still come out the loser. What they haven't grasped is that the key to

to carry on playing against a chess computer, but to play karate. Alternatively, you could spend your life searching for "the zone", a state of mind now apparently recognised by sports psychologists as the spur to success when under stress. The way this rare but exhilarating beast was described in Equinox (Channel 4), locating the zone sounds as tricky as locating the G-spot - albeit more rewarding on account of the fact

that if you're successful they give

success for non-sporty types is not

Of sport, psychology and networking nuns you an Olympic gold medal and there's a word mushin or 'no play God Save The Queen. mind'. This means focusing on a

Even top sportsmen admit that sightings are rare and mysterious. Recalling the day she broke the 400 metres hurdles world record in Stuttgart in 1993, Sully Gunnell said that as she crossed the line. It felt as though my life had been on hold. I didn't know that I'd actually won. Everyone just thought I was being very calm. But I had no idea. I don't remember any of it. This has probably only happened to me once or twice in my career." Then Michael Atherton, England's cricket captain, sold

too; but somehow that didn't come as so much of a surprise. The idea seems to be to focus so intensely on what you are doing, that, paradoxically, you stop think-ing about the challenge ahead and move into autopilot. Or, as Profes sor Masarake Sumi, a kendo

us that it happens to him rarely,

single thought while still being aware of everything around you. That central thought should be: I won't lose. I will win. I won't be afraid. I won't be surprised. I won't doubt myself." Obviously, it helps your chances if you're wearing a scary kendo mask and waving a four-foot-long stick at the time.

I ut while the advice we B heard from sports psycholo-gists was to let go of our conscious thoughts and trust our instincts, it helps to have instincts worth trusting. If your instinct when you see a tennis ball being served towards you at 90 miles an hour is to hide behind a linesman, then you may be better off playing backgammon. But maybe not against Mark Telcher.

Teicher, the subject of Movers And Shakers (Channel 4), a new master, explained: "In Japanese six-part series about people who





have got so fired of running across sports fields looking for the zone that they now play indoor games instead, is a 17-year-old who is already eyeing up a career as a professional backgammon player. Mark is lucky enough to have the essential qualities needed by a youngster embarking on a career

where you need both skill and luck

10 survive: a father willing to pick

up his gambling debts. Bernard

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Telcher, a rich businessman, also admits that his son knows that he'll be inheriting some money from him, dulling his appetite to go out and get a regular job. "I've been spoilt rotten," Mark admits. 'It takes away the will to work." The fact that Mark once saw his father trouser £25,000 after a night's gambling probably scaled his career decision.

Although backgammon requires the muscular co-ordination of a flatworm, even here there seems to be a competitive advantage in being in "the zone": Mark has the confidence of a tupping ram. Since the rules are simple, and the average player can learn the basic tricks within a few months of playing a skilful opponent, the quality that separates middle-ranking players from the masters must be a sixth sense of how best to play any roll of the dice. As with hurdling, or sinking a crucial putt, or taking penalties

but unfortunately not the right one), or taking a catch in the slips. top backgammon players glide through a game like ice-skaters, letting their confidence guide their moves. As with mounting a pavement on a bicycle, there is no point taking a shallow angle, because you'll only fall off: you have to hit the kerb head-on - although not as head-on as Mark. On the backgammon circuit they call Mark "Superbrat" which, as it happens, spurs him on no end.

T i's a contemplative life, but not quite the sort enjoyed on Here And Now (BBC1) by a bunch of women with rough habits (No. no, you must be thinking of the girls in Gold, which was on a bit later). These were rough woollen habits; part of the no-frills lifestyle followed by the saintly sisters of the Poor Clare Colletine convent, a contemplative order in Hawarden.

(Gareth Southgate was in the zone, North Wales. Along with wearing rough habits, the nuns go barefoot, talk only when absolutely neces-

before they reach Poor Clare.

BBC1 6.00am Businese Breakfast (43362) · 7.00 BBC Brenklast News (1) (67121) 9:00 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (1) (5777782) 9.25 Style Challenge (5796817) 9.50 Change That (7837072) 10.15 Kilroy (T) (1968169) 11.00 Two Minutes Silence (8410237)

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5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (547546) 6.00 News (T) and weather (527) 6.30 Regional News Magazine (879) 7.00 Holiday Festuring the Porida Keys; Costa Brava; Studiand Bay, Dorset; Provence; Laka Garda (T) (6099) 7.30 EastEnders (T) (661)

8.00 Mysteries with Carol Vorderman Couples who are convinced that fate brought them together, and how a computer hacker almost brought Nasa's space programme to a halt (1) (9817) 8.30 A Question of Scort with Aston Ville's

Gareth Southgate; cricketer Alec Stewart; triple-jumper Jonathan Edwards and England rugby International Lawrence Dataglio (T) (8324) 9.00 News (1) and weather (4986) 9.30 Rory McGrath's Sommercial

Breatdown Exposing the willy ways of the advertising industry (7) (98140) WALES: 9.30 Week Iri, Week Out. A profile of the late Lord Tonypendy (98140) 10.00 Crimewatch UK Police ask viewers to identify a man they believe has been attacking boys since 1993 (T) (726411)

Aumilie: The inside Story of the BBC — Making Waves 1960-1970 Mary Whitehouse had plenty to complein about and MIS out the corporation under close observation.(T) (3207701) WALES: 10.45 Commercial Breskdown (288850) 11.15 Soccer: Brazii v Wales (13190035) 1.20em Crimewatch UK Update (9841812) 1.30 News and weather (9677638) 1.35 BBC

11.50 Crimewatch UK Update (1) (909430) 12.00 The Four Seasons (1961) Alan Alda stars in his comedy about a year which threatens the long-standing friendships between three middle-aged couples. and Sandy Dennis also star. (T) (790305). 1.45am Weather (9590589) 1,50 Join BBC News 24 (8863891)

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2.50 The Surrogate (1995) (118 My Little Pony (1996) (236270)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

Saturday's Vision

SKY 1

BBC2 6.00am Arts: Religion and Society in Victorien Bristol 6.30 Cine Cinephiles (47188) 7.00mm See Hear News (T) (7585689)

7.15 Teleturibbles (r) (4148492) 7.40 Smurts' Adventures (r) (2422633) 8.05 Blue Peter (r) (T) (2002430) 8.30 Celtie Doke (r) 4701985) 8.40 Rupert (1) (9802966) 8.45

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12.30pm Working Lunch (16546) 1.00 Fiddley Foodle Bird (54064350) 1.10 The Art and Antiques Hour (6535324)

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2.10 Going, Going, Gone (62805275)
2.40 News (T) (3547324) 2.45
Westrainster (T) (7204053) 3.25 News (T)
(8142430) 3.30 The Village (r) (995)
4.00 Ready, Steady, Cook (482) 4.30
Through the Keyhole (r) (1950256)
WALES: Heartbreek High (8489343)
5.15 From the Edge (922782) 5.45-6.15
University Challenge (921053) 4.55 University Challenge (921053) 4,58 Esther (9790411) 5,30 Today's the Day

6.00 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (1) (641362) 8.20 Heertbreak High (1) (386169) WALES: 8.15 Food and Drink (946362) 6.45-9.00 FAW Invitation Cup: Bangor v Swansea

7.10 The O Zoca Mariah Carey and the Music of Black Origin awards (931817) 7.30 From the Edge Reports for and by disabled people (1) (633)

8.00 University Challenge St John's, Oxford v the London School of Economics (1) 8.30 Food and Drink Tomato-and-bread



Alleon, Mark and family (9pm)

Personal History Cerebral pelsy sufferer Alison gives a passionate account of her life (T) (481140) 9.50 Back to the Floor: Running Water The

managing director of South West Water, Bob Bety, joins his team of house-to-house catters (1) (740633) Best Friends A single mother and her gay male friend talk about their triendship (1) (311430) 10.30 Newanight (T) (885898) 11.15 Seinfeld (T) (238989) 11.40 The Larry Senders Show (T) (839169) 12.00 The Midnight Hour (1209034) 12.25em Weather

12.30 Learning Zone: The Making of Ann Religious Education 4.00 The French Experience 5.00 Business and Training 6.00 Technology 6.30 Computers in Conversation (5760812)

UK GOLD

Neighbours (6425362) 8.00 Crossmooths (320050) 8.25 EartEnders (1694527) 9.00 The Bill (8137614) 8.30 Howards Way (9167072) 10.90 Bless This House (8482430) 10.30 The Subwans (8133888) 11.00 Boon (4338904) 12.00 Crossmooths (14908430) 12.55 EartEnders (1250527) 1.30 Hou-H (3634362) 2.10 200144 Children (7080614) 2.50 Are You Being Senset? (2748237) 3.30 The Bill (7040657) 4.00 Castally (78005885) 5.05 EartEnders

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8.00pm The Chemp (1979) (4082456) 11.15 Pileks, Son (1980) (39422506) 1.00en Dr Jekyli and Mr Hyde (1941) (84572512) 3.00 The -Prime Minister (1940) (31029831) 5.00 Close

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9.25 Supermerket Sweep (1) (5772237) 9.55 Regional News (1) (6299966) 10.00 The Time, the Place (58985) 10.30 This Morning (T) (48568411) 12.20pm Regional News (6460237)

12.30 News (T) and weather (2419275) 12.55 Shortland Street (2494966) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (41593409) 1.50 The Rockford Files (5838492) 2.50 Venesse

(T) (8835527) 3.20 News (T) (8147965) 3.25 Regional News (T) (8146256)

3.30 The Riddiers (3061904) 3.40 Wizsdora (1360266) 3.50 The Adventures of Paddington Bear (1349140) 4.00 Zzzap! Autumn Special (9109850) 4.15 Hay Amold! (1012922) 4.40 The Ward 2002098 (9007985

5.10 WALES: Don't Try This at Home, Kids! (9005459)5.10 Relative Knowledge (9005459) 5.40 News (I) and weather (780324) 5.59 HTV Crimestoppers (288817)

8,00 Home and Away (r) (T) (524121) 8.25 Regional Weather (433430) 6.30 Regional News (1) (275) 7.00 Emmerdale (1) (5237) 7.30 WALES: Your Century Examining Welsh

history over the last century. Tonight, the transformation of Caemarvon from the early 1900s (459)

7.30 Take 3 Reports on issues affecting the region (459) 8.00 The BIB Deakin and Proctor are furious

when an inexperienced young barrister assigned to their court case (T) (4985) 8,30 The Cook Report How thousands of European women are sold into sexual slavery (T) (3492)



lan Curtis is on civvy street (9pm)

9.00 Soldier, Soldier Hobbs's nightmare on civy street ends in disaster for Butcher. With Ian Curtis, Danny Cunningham and Conor Mullen (T) (9904)

10.00 News at Ten (T) and weather (84459) 10.30 Regional News (I) (595966) 10.40 The Terminator (1984) with Amold Schwarzenegger and Linda Hamilton. A cyborg is sent back from the future to ldll a woman who holds the key to the

survival of the human race. Directed by James Cameron (T) (34062237) 12.40sm Planet Mirth (6018725) 1.15 Late and Load (3896858) 2.10 The Chart Show (r) (7193265)

2.05 Football Extra (f) (4397034) 4.00 World of Salling (r) (41895725) 4.25 Sound Bites (40750763) 4.35 The Time, the Place (r) (93873812) 5.00 Helricom (r) (53152) 5.30 News (91763)

CENTRAL

5,59-6.00 Air Watch (268817)

As HTV West except: 12.54pm Air Wetch (19248169) 12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (2494966) 5,19-5,40 Shortland Street (9005459)

6.25-7.00 Central News (822546) 7.30-8.00 The Tuesday Special. The test of a new investigative series focuses on the story of Makia, who spent her childhood fleering the Nezi menace with her Likranian Jewish family, and is now a Nottingham antiques dealer (459)

12.40am Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (7250893) 1.10 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol

1.35 War of the Worlds Sci-li drama series 2.25 The Paul Ross Show (9128909)

3.50 Central Jobfinder '97 (7899639) 5.20 Asian Eye (9430980)

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5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9005459) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (695) 6.30-7.00 Relative Knowledge (275) 7.30-8.00 Ambulancel (459) 5.00am Freescreen (53152)

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12.55-1.25 What's My Line? (2494966) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9005459) 6.23 Angile Weather (441459) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (822546) 10.29 Anglia Air Watch (682430)

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11,30 Powerhouse (8169) 12.00 Sesame Street (74072) 12.30pm Ricki Lake (42594) 1.15 Pingu (43719463) 1.30 Sunny Spells (44510782)

1.50 Film; Maryland (82231072) 3.30 Collector's Lot (463) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (188) 4.30 United Tastes of America (512)

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10.35 Frasier (793072) 11.05 NYPD Blue (323633) 12,00-1.00em Streets of Fire (28034)

9.30 Newyddion (81850)

CHANNEL 4

5.55am Sesame Street (36072) 7.00 The Sig Breakfast (90459) 9.00 Schools: Science in Focus (1) (5760492)

9.22 Lost Animals (1133966) 9.30 Eureka! (1) (4682053) 9.45 Stop, Look, Listen (1) (4687508) 10.00 Fourways Farm (4784879) 10.10 TVM (1) (7351353) 10.25 How We Used to Live (1) (5060940) 10.45 Quest (1) (7115332) 11.00 First Edition IV (3502430) 11.15 Stage One (T) (3592053)

11.30 Powerhouse Political magazine (8169) 12.00 Sesame Street (74072) 12.30pm Light Lunch (97140) 1.30 Gardens Without Borders (r) (84588324)

1.45 (Confees (1953, b/w) Montgomery Clift as a priest who cannot break the confidentiality of the confessional to clear himself of suspicion of murder. Directed by Alfred Hitchcock (74921256 3.30 Collector's Lat (1) (463) 4.00 Fitteen-to-One (1) (188) 4.30 Countdown (1)

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poker-playing pals gives Roseanne a kiss on the lips (r) (1) (817) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (319817) 7.50 Golden Oldles Couples calabrating

golden wadding anniversaries (344527) 8.00 Deals on Wheels Advice on buying and selling second-hand cars. Tonight: the tell-tale signs that the car's clock has been wound back; where to look for rust and the disadvantages of buying a used car in the rain (1/6) (T) (2527)

8.30 Brookside Jacqui tells Barry to improve his service — or else (T) (4362)



9.00 Cutting Edge: Football
Wives Three wives talk about the trials and tribulations of being married to famous footballers. Ann Lee, wife of former Nottingham Forest striker Jason, reveals the stress of constant uprooting around the country. Suzi Walker, married to Spurs and England goalkeeper lan, talks about her glamorous litestyle; and Sam Dean's infidelities (1) (7546)

10.00 Underworld Susan is kidnapped (2/6) (T) (2875701) 11.05 Eddle Izzard: Unrepeatable (r)

12.10am Rory Bremner — Who Else? (1) (1) (5156454)

12.50 Slacker (1991) First part of a trilogy tracking unrelated episodes in the lives of 100 disperate dropouts in Austin, Texas. Directed by Richard Linkleter (732541) 2.40 Late Night Ricid Lake (r) (T) (3206096) 3.20 Letter from America with Christopher Hitchens (r) (T) (27698980) 3.50 Fridge (54854118) 4.00 Schools:

Making Sense of Science (80893)

sary, grow their own food, and pray for seven hours a day. They also find time to dance a little (not jitterbug), which lifted the spirits of their visitor, Anastasia Cooke, who seemed to be marking the place as though for a holiday programme. The nuns never leave the con-

vent, but then few people visit them, which is why they are seeking new recruits. There are only 1,000 contemplative nuns left in Britain, a third fewer than a decade ago. Reversing the decline seems to be one of the few promises Tony Blair has not made for his first term. So the nuns are advertising on the Internet instead - hence Here And Now's rather saucy title of "Nuns On The Net" for its film sequence. I only hope some Web-wise Good Samaritan is screening any misguided replies

CHANNEL 5

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7.30 Milicshake (4477695) 7.35 Stickn' Around (r) (6378546) 8.00 Havakazoo (r)

8.30 WideWorld Documentary series about human migration (3/10) (5940332)

9.00 Espresso Consumer affairs magazine (2766898) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (8856850) 10.30 Period Rooms (r) (1) (1540576) 11.00 Leeze Chat show (7411904) 11.50 Double Espresso (94695904) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (7845968) 12.30pm Family Atlairs (r) (T) (8608237)

1.00 5 News Update (39448643) 1.05 Sunsel Beach (T) (3480411) 2.00 5's Company. Live entertainment (8465879) 3.30 The Guns of August (1964, b/w). A documentary look at events that took place during the First World War. Based on Barbara Tuchman's Pulitzer Prize-

winning book, directed by Nathan Kroll (8685121) 5.20 5's Company Extra (13850896)

6.00 100 Per Cent Gameshow without a host 6.30 Family Affairs Susie is getting cold fee over her romance with Holly (T) (3833324) 7.00 Exclusive A report on boy bands with

5.30 Whittle Quiz with Tim Vine (1) (3852459)

7.30 Song of the Seal: Dream of Mermalds A wildlife documentary about the manetee (1) (3839508)

contributions from Five, North and South, Boyzone, Robble Williams and Mark



Singing ster Derren Day (8pm)

8.00 Vanessa's Day With Vanessa Feitz meets the West End musical star and game show host Darren Day (T)

8.30 5 News (T) (5429053) 9.00 The Vagrant (1992) with Bill Paxton and Michael fronside. Black comedy about a wealthy man who buys an expensive penthouse, only to discover that a tramp

is squatting in it and refuses to leave. Directed by Chris Walas (79557546) 10,50 The Jack Docherty Show Comedy and

11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H (6907459) 12.35em Live and Dangerous presented b Dominik Diamond and Shalley Webb

(32515251) 4.35 The Streets of San Francisco: Trail of Terror starring Karl Malden (T) (7584473)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (2747763)

Jimmy Nail as unorthodox Geordie cop Spender (UK Gold, 9.30pm)

(55197782) \$.00 Deamond's (30817895) 9.30 Shongman (30829430) 9.00 Shina Cin, Harvey Macin (30800879) 10.00 The Price (8503986) 11.00 St Elsewhere (84578188) 12.00 Let the Bood Run Free (15040744) 12.30em Tales of the Unspected (24701305) 1.00 Close

6.00mm Dumbo's Circus (75411) 8.30 Under the Umbrella Tree (98430) 7.00 Aladdin: The Series (34185) 7.30 Ouack Pack (13695) 8.00 Dynasturs (73688) 8.30 Sounding Marsh (1945256) 8.35 Microscopic Milton (8462966) 10.00 Sesams Sweet (19675) 11.00 Winnie the Pooh (5626362) 11.75 Rosie and Jem (8795072) 11.35 Sing Ma a Slory with Belle (1976037) 12.00 Tots TV (8381411)-12.200 Densy, Ammatod Shorts (1976053) 12.00 Tots: TV (6381411)-12.20pm Deney, Ammated Shorts: (8830565) 12.35 The Big Genere (8310546) 12.45 Whinis the Pooh (74946091) 1.00 Sessme Street (46814) 2.00 Amazing Ammate (5053) 2.50 Gummi Beats (3701) 3.00 Tale Spor (4166) 3.30 God Troop-(5546) 4.00 Timon and Pumbes (6053) 4.30 Algodin: The Series (8427) 5.00 Geograpies (933) 5.30 Dimosaure (4317) 6.00 Bissoum (4350 6.30 Boy Meest World (5782) 7.00

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Woodward's revolution takes shape

CLIVE WOODWARD was true to his word yesterday. England's first full-time rugby union coach, who has been in office for just eight weeks. named five newcomers in his team to play Australia at Twickenham on Saturday; a team that in many positions is as green as grass, yet has been offered an unparalleled

Normally, only world wars create such upheavals in an England team. Of the XV that started against Australia in Sydney in July, only three remain — Lawrence Dallaglio, now the captain, Richard Hill and Mike Catt. Of them. Catt has moved from fly half to centre and will be the goalkicker. Of the XV that completed the five nations' championship last season in second place to France, only four remain, of whom Catt and Jason Leonard have changed positions.

It is change on an enormous scale. as exciting as it is revolutionary. Many will say it is rash to the point of foolhardy, but, to his credit, Woodward has put his money where his mouth is and is treading where none of his predecessors would dared have gone. He has looked at more experienced players, he has recognised that many of them are playing below known form, and has opted for those who are playing with confidence and skill, regard-

less of age or inexperience. He has selected Matt Perry at full back, David Rees (right wing), Will Greenwood (cen-

first bold steps into

tre), Andy Long (hooker) and Will Green (tight-head prop) to make their international debuts. In addition, Alex King. whose experience amounts to 22 minutes against Argentina in June, is given his chance at fly half, while Adedayo Adebayo, Garath Archer, Tony Diprose and Hill can muster no more than a dozen

Nor has Woodward shied from moving players into

optimum position: Perry has been playing centre for Bath this season with Catt as his fly half, while Leonard reverts to his favoured role of loose-head prop after two years on the tight-head side. The younger element are known to Woodward, however, Perry and Long, both only 20, played under him when he coached the England Under-21s and he has a better idea of their resilience than many. Indeed Long is the fourth hooker to be capped this year, after Mark Regan, Phil Greening and Richard Cockerill.

Green and Rees, 22 and 23 respectively, have been in

ebullient form for Wasps and Sale, respectively, the former England coach's confirming his place against the Brive front row as recently as Sunday, the latter scoring tries with abandon after recov a brave new world ering from a hernia operation. Greenwood, the Leicester centre, is, at 25, the oldest of the newcomers but his star

Isles during the summer. He also has a pedigree. Dick Greenwood, his father, captained England from the back row 28 years ago and coached England between 1983-86. He was there in Bloemfontein when Green-wood junior suffered a lifecaps between them. threatening injury playing for the Lions against Free State, jarring his head so severely in a tackle that only prompt medical attention saved him. That the centre began the season a little tentatively is,

> has returned. "I have picked the team that contains the best 15 players in their positions in England at the moment," Woodward said: That excludes 11 of the 22 Englishmen who appeared for the Lions during the summer, of whom only three — Jeremy Guscott (who needs an opera-tion on his back), Tony Underwood and Tim Stimpson are injured.

> perhaps, no surprise but in recent weeks his confidence

The unluckiest of the remaining eight is Matt Daw-son, the Northampton scrum half, who effectively loses out to the Saracens unit at Nos 7.8 and 9.

There can be no doubt that Kyran Bracken and Diprose helped each other into the national team, nor that their form in the Allied Dunbar

Premiership game with





Northampton last Saturday, allied to Hill's return from injury, counted in their favour. make up of this team for many weeks now and I am totally confident that they can go out, perform and win," Woodward

There is no point comparing the likes of Perry and Rees with Christian Collen and Jeff

Ecclestone, the Formula One

impresario, said: "The race

director, combining what he

saw of events in Jerez with the

transcripts and the tapes, de-

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The cynics suggest the case is linked to the status of

Williams and McLaren as

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Schumacher's defence.

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deliberately rammed Ville-

neuve, also has the potential to

Schumacher: facing fine

Wilson of New Zealand, well make shortly. New Zea-"I have thought about the land's playing structure ensures that youngsters are: thoroughly grounded when they reach international level. which the club structure in Britain does not allow, but Woodward has to make the best of what there is.



player just for the sake of finding out if they are good enough." The team may well have changed by the time England play New Zealand for the second time on December 6, but by then Woodward will know far more about the qualities and character of his team in the hothouse provided

Five further players are required for training during preparations, this week, three of them internationals. They are Darren Garforth, of Leicester, Simon Shaw (Wasps), Chris Sheasby (Wasps), Rory Jenkins (Harle-quins) and Roy Winters

Australia unhappy at tour build-up

labour

ROD MACQUEEN could offer little comment yesterday on the England team that his Australians will meet at Twickenham on Saturday, he has problems enough of his own as he endeavours to lift the spirits of a party deflated by their recent visit to Argentina yet with two international matches still to be played (David Hands writes).

Australia will name their XV this morning, three days after suffering an 18-16 defeat in Buenos Aires which left the series shared at 1-1 and critics describing them as spine over as national coach after the resignation in August of Greg Smith, admitted that the Wallabies had provided ample ammunition for such comments on what has been a disappointing introduction to international rugby.

"We have not been playing well," he said candidly. "We thought that by now we would have been putting some good play together. We have trained well, we have put a lot of time and effort into putting together a simple style but it has not come off." In fact Macqueen would have welcomed another midweek game interspersed with the land and, on November 22,

His schedule has been topheavy with internationals, four of them compared with three provincial games, Moreover injury forced him to leave behind such influential players as Matthew Burke. Jason Little and Daniel Manu, and they have now been joined by David Knox, the fly half who suffered a severe dislocation of his finger against the Argentinians.

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Knox is one of seven players who returned to Sydney over the weekend, leaving Macqueen to ponder the choice of Elton Flatley, the young Queenslander, for his first full cap or returning to Pat Howard at fly half.

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Schumacher and Formula One stand side by side in the dock

MICHAEL SCHUMACHER

will be fortunate to escape with a record fine in the region of \$2 million (about £1.2 million) today, when he faces Formula One's equivalent of the High Court. The subsequent appearance of the McLaren and Williams teams, to answer disclosures in The Times, will complete an unprecedented attempt to pre-

serve the sport's credibility. Schumacher's case, arising from his collision with Jacques Villeneuve that resulted in the Canadian becoming world champion at the European Grand Prix on October 26, is of fundamental importance because Formula One cannot be seen to subjugate its wider responsibilities to the commercial importance of its most celebrated driver.

The secondary issue, involving the apparent manipula-tion of the Jerez result by two of the sport's leading teams, is equally complex, and no less intriguing. Max Mosley, pres-ident of the FIA, the governing body of motorsport, decided that Williams and McLaren had a case to answer yesterday, when he received a report from Charlie Whiting, the

official observer. This was prompted by the publication, in The Times on Saturday, of transcripts of conversations between Schumacher. Villeneove and their respective pit crews. Whiting has since heard the two secret tapes, on which the report in The Times was based. They are now in the possession of

The organisation's world council, which meets at the RAC headquarters, near Heathrow, this morning, has the power to inflict unlimited punishment if it feels the

teams have breached article affect the delicate balance of 151 (c) of the FIA's internationpolitical power within the al sporting code, which covers conduct "prejudicial to the If he is found guilty, a

interests of any competition. reasonable assumption given that most independent observor of motorsport generally... The teams deny collusion, and the case will centre on ers are convinced there was malicious intent in the collision, approaching the Dry Villeneuve's actions, which allowed Mika Hakkinen through for his first grand Sack curve at Jerez, a sevenfigure fine is a probability. prix win. Mosley, who will chair the 24-man council, A ban is also likely, but, which also includes Bernie

intriguingly, probation has been put forward as an alternative. One imaginative op-tion involves linking the length of the suspension to Schumacher's behaviour over a given number of races next season. This would ensure massive interest in the earlyseason grands prix and still ensure that Schumacher operates under a self-inflicted

handicap. However, there are those who believe that only a year's suspension is appropriate. The need for a firm unoral lead has been best expressed by the new team owner, Jackie Szewart, a long-term advocate of driver safety. He accepts Schumacher's contention that the incident could have been spontaneous, but insists that it was "neither ethical not al-

He expects the FIA to make an example of him. "Behaviour of that type has not just to be discouraged but eliminated," he said. "You can bet that every young driver was watching the Jerez race. If they see someone getting off with that sort of behaviour, it will be mirrored at every level of the

I still believe there is room for ethics in grand prix racing, room for morals. There is a lack of them, in all avenues. I reputation."

just with Schumacher. These days it is common practiceeither to block someone or even to come into contact with them. That seems acceptable today, but we must be strictes. If something is not done, it will end in tears, with a massive

The irony is that Schomacher's talent is beyond de-bate. Even Frank Williams, looking back on the 1997 season last week, before the disclosures in The Times, admitted that his disciplinary problems evoked conflicting emotions. His first reaction to the incident "was not one of instant outrage".

He said: "It was one of concern, and relief. Everyone realised Jacques was lucky to stay on the road. When I saw Michael in the gravel trap I thought, silly boy, but my gur feeling was that he had acted instinctively rather than in

Sleage row ...

any premeditated manner.

As the magnitude of the incident became clear, I began to appreciate Jacques's anger. I know how hard he worked for that title. But I felt also a strange sense of sadness. Part of me wanted the hullabalioo to die down, for the sake of Formula One's reputation.

"When a hero has his bottom smacked in full view of the world, everyone is belittled by the spectacle. The fact remains that if Michael Schumacher became available tomorrow, every team manager in the pit-lane would be in the queue for his services. That's the reality of his



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